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LI MAY SET UP NEW REGIME AT NANNING

Report Of Revival Of SW Political Council HOPE OF AMERICAN AID

A second South West Political Council, opposed to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his followers, may shortly be set up at Nanning with Nationalist Vice-President General Li Tsung-jen and General Pai Chung-hsi as the leaders.

Independent Chinese political observers said yesterday that a move is already afoot to organise such a body to continue the fight against the Chinese Communists with outside aid—from the United States. Comment from General Li Tsung-jen on the subject was not available yesterday. His private ward at the Tai Wo Yuen Hospital was closed to all visitors except members of his family.

Chiang Takes A Back Seat

General Pai Chung-hsi has emerged as the most prominent man in continental China in an overnight switch in which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek appears to have been definitely relegated to the back seat, says United Press.

Sources close to Acting President Li Tsung-jen said both President Li and the Generalissimo have agreed to bow out of the picture as far as an active role in military affairs in General Pai's hands.

Generalissimo Chiang together with other members of his group are to retire to Taiwan to build up that island into an anti-Communist bastion which will have no connection with the mainland.

Acting President Li arrived here a few days after he conferred with South China leaders who, according to the best quarters, agreed to pool their resources and form a "united front"—the hard core of anti-Communist resistance is centred in Kwangtung, taking in portions of Kwangchow, Yunnan and Hainan Island.

Defence of Szechwan and Taiwan will be left to Generalissimo Chiang.

Some Kwangsi troops have already been despatched Southward in an attempt to retake Kwangchow Peninsula by eliminating the scattered Communist forces there.

The new alignment of forces under General Pai still hopes to obtain financial and other assistance from the United States, according to Kwangsi sources who point out that the United States White Paper was mainly written by the Generalissimo's refusal to fight.

TO believe the United States will help some new "third force" for example General Pai's South China bastion which gives visible evidence that it is willing and able to fight the Communists.

These sources said President Li's representative, Gen. Chiang-hsi, is already in the United States and that President Li himself may go there later on the double mission to seek aid and get better medical care—United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HEST), the typhoon is centred about 100 miles SE of Okinawa, moving NW or NNW at about 10 knots. It is expected to recurve and move on a more northerly track towards Japan. The centre of the typhoon will cross the coast of Japan and continue to move Eastward into the Pacific. No information is available from China.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate E or NE winds, fair.

Tomorrow's Forecast: Light or moderate E or NE winds, fair.

Maximum: 72.1 deg. F.

Minimum: 64.9 deg. F.

Humidity: 75%.

Sea: 10-15 ft.

Barometer: 1010.4 mm.

Wind: 10-15 knots.

Direction: E by S.

A number of former highly placed colleagues of the General were also barred from seeing him.

The observers said that General Li's departure for the United States will follow his resignation from the Chiang-dominated Nationalist Government. This may occur soon, depending on the results of General Pai Chung-hsi's talks with the Generalissimo at Chungking.

He added that General Li, during his visit to the United States will try to convince the American Government that aid given to a revived South West Political Council would be used for the purpose such aid is meant for.

He will also try to convince the United States authorities that as far as fighting the Communists is concerned, the Generalissimo will be able to rally more than 500,000 troops under honest experienced junior officers.

According to the observers, with United States aid, the South West Political Council would drive the Communists out of Kwangsi and hold the province and other South China areas and islands while building up its armed forces for the final military campaign against the Communists.

Yunnan Governor?

It is believed that General Chan Chai-tong, Commissioner of Hainan Island, General Hsueh Yuch, Governor of Kwangtung, and General Yu Han-mei—now all in Hainan Island—will join the Council. There is also a possibility that General Lu Han, Governor of Yunnan, will throw in his lot with them.

When established, the Council will have under its control, Kwangsi, Yunnan and Hainan Island.

The first South West Political Council was established by Marshal Li Chai-sum, General Li Tsung-jen, General Pai Chung-hsi and General Chan Chai-tong in 1932 when Generalissimo Chiang persisted in his appeasement policy towards aggressive Japan.

It included Kwangsi and Kwangtung and was opposed to Generalissimo Chiang's Central Government at Nanking.

The two provinces became independent and remained so until after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war when the Council was dissolved to unite with Chiang in the war against Japan.

Associated Press quotes a high source in Chungking who has been in close touch with Li, as saying that the Acting President plans to go to America to continue his medical treatment unless his condition soon takes a turn for the better.

While his health would be a considerable reason for the visit, Li—if he actually does go to America—would doubtless plead for aid to Nationalist China, the source said.

Pai Leaves

Li, like his close friend and associate, General Pai Chung-hsi, the Nationalist commander in Central China, is known to be more than willing to allow any aid given to be supervised right down to the front.

Pai Chung-hsi, who came to Chungking yesterday with the news of Li's departure for Hong Kong, returned this afternoon to Kwangsi.

During his stay in Chungking, he conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The Defence Ministry today admitted the Reds had crossed the Chien River near Pengshui, the Ch. R. River near Pengshui.

95 miles East of Chungking, but said only a small force is involved and it is being engaged.

The Ministry also acknowledged that the Reds who had invaded Szechwan from Hubei and Hunan had effected a junction. This had been made as expected at Chienchiang, 130 miles East of Chungking.

The Ministry reported fighting about 35 miles from the Yangtze town of Wanshan, 140 miles North East of Chungking. Wanshan, the third biggest city in Szechwan, is the objective of a Red column which thrust into this province from Hubei.

Anshun Falls

Turning to Kweichow, the Ministry admitted the fall of Anshun, about 60 miles South West of Kweichow, the provincial capital. Anshun is on the highway which joins the main road between Szechwan and Yunnan at Chungking, about 200 miles West South West of Kweichow.

In Kwangsi, according to private reports, Pai Chung-hsi's forces are avoiding a big-scale battle with the Reds. Instead, they appear to be fighting a delaying action to enable a smooth withdrawal of his troops in the Kweichow area. This will probably be completed within the next few days.

Kweichow Garrison authorities ordered the death penalty for Red soldiers who committed any other subversive activity.

In Chungking, Premier Yen Hsi-shan made a statement urging austerity and banning lavish feasts.

The capital, whose continued existence depends on such things as food, is a hotbed of place these days, what with people fleeing for safety and others flocking in for the same reason.

Buses bound for Chengtu, capital of Szechwan, are like mobile Black Holes of Calcutta, so doleful are the scenes of passengers who are jammed in the rutted highway, passengers face the danger of robbery by brigands who have lately been a little more active on this highway.

Many senior employees of the Government are moving their dependants to Chengtu for safety and hope to be able to join them. But many hundreds of them are going to and themselves trapped between the advancing Reds and little or no money when the Reds come.

Mails From HK

Chungking's only air link with the outside world is provided by Civil Air Transport, the airline run by Major-General Claire L. Chennault, but its services are limited and only a handful of the many people anxious to leave are able to get out.

The mail service to and from Hong Kong is extremely irregular. Sometimes letters from Hong Kong take more than 10 days to reach Chungking. Commercial radio service between the two cities is also slow, probably on account of the limited facilities at the Chungking end. Radiograms from Hong Kong sometimes take four or five days to reach the capital.

The Government has still given no indication where and when it will move the capital once Chungking becomes untenable. At the moment, it seemed determined to arrest the advance from the East as long as possible. This at least is the inference drawn from the movement of reinforcements Eastward and the fact that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's eldest son, went to the front again yesterday—his second visit in five days.

An official said Chiang Kai-shek had gone to the front on behalf of his father.

Birthday Portrait



This picture, just released, shows Prince Charles Philip Arthur George—who celebrated his first anniversary on November 14—with his mother, H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh. The infant Prince, said to be tall for his age, weighs 24½ lb, has cut six teeth, and can walk a few steps by holding on to the sides of his play pen. (AP Photo).

REDS CAPTURE FERRY BOAT IN HK WATERS

Chinese Communists seized a Hong Kong-licensed ferry boat in local British waters, and took the ship to Communist China on November 15.

The ship, ss. Tai Pang, was operating a ferry service between Shi Hui in Deep Bay and Hong Kong when Chinese Communists boarded the ship and navigated it across territorial waters into China.

The Tai Pang—the same size and structure as the Yumati ferries—is the first ship to be seized by Communists in local British waters.

Nationalist Troops Will Be Disarmed

Paris, November 21.—Chinese Nationalist troops will be immediately disarmed and interned, if they cross the Tonkin frontier into Indo-China, the French High Commissioner in Indo-China, M. Leon Pignon, said today, according to an Agence France Presse report from Saigon.

The High Commissioner said that he was authorised to deny categorically in the name of the new French-supported state of Vietnam, reports that representatives of the Chinese Nationalist General Pai Chung-hsi, had made contact with Bao Dai to propose co-operation against Chinese and Vietnamese Communists.

M. Pignon said that there is no reason to believe that Chinese Communist armies will enter Indo-Chinese territory, the Agency report added, but if they do they will be treated in accordance with the statements made by the French President, M. Vincent Auriol, in his letter to Bao Dai.

(In the letter, made public on October 18, M. Auriol said that France would co-operate with Vietnam to defend the latter's independence and security, and would appeal for United Nations aid if necessary.)

M. Pignon said that the visit to Vietnam of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General for South East Asia, did not go beyond a complete and trustful exchange of information.

THE TYPHOON

Manila, November 21.—The Weather Bureau said that a tropical storm, with winds up to 80 miles an hour in the centre, will pass about 200 miles North of the Philippines end of Luzon early tomorrow.

The typhoon is moving West North West at 10 miles an hour. The advisory was based on ship reports—Associated Press.

CHILDREN'S PLANE CRASH: 35 ABOARD

Oslo, November 21.—A plane carrying 29 undernourished Jewish refugee children from North Africa is missing, and is believed to have crashed somewhere in tangled forest country near Oslo. The plane, with 35 aboard—28 children, three nurses and two members of the crew—sent its last radio message about 6 p.m. yesterday as it neared an Oslo airport.

HK PLANE'S CRASH IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, November 21.—A medical officer and two rescuers amputated the foot of the pilot to free him from the wreckage of an RAF Sunderland flying-boat which crashed in a shallow swamp near here last night, killing five and injuring seven.

Squadron-Leader Woolley, senior medical officer at Seletar airport, began the amputation, but was overcome by petrol fumes. Another rescuer took over, but a third had to complete the amputation. The pilot died later.

The plane, returning to Hong Kong, had just taken off in pitch darkness from calm water in the Straits of Johore, when it dived into the swamp, a mile and a half away. It carried a crew of eight and four passengers.

The plane's petrol tanks burst when it hit the swamp, flooding the area with highly inflammable aviation spirit. Rescuers, led by an Air Commodore in a mess jacket, were hampered by the fumes.

The names of the casualties—all Service personnel—are withheld until the next of kin are informed.—Reuter.

Last Message

The last message from the plane was received at Fornebu at 4:56 p.m. GMT but was so faint that the control tower asked for a repetition which was not received. The message said the plane was then flying at 2,000 feet and was two or three miles from the airport.

Aero Holland officials said the plane carried 29 Jewish children who were to have stayed in a Norwegian camp before going to Israel, a crew of four and two Swedish nurses.

Officials identified the crew as L. Frouva, pilot; A. Van Der Tour, co-pilot; M. Westenberg, radio operator; and K. Stukis, mechanic. They are all Dutch.

However, a spokesman for the camp at Holmenstrand, where the children were to live, said there were three nurses, Miss Lise Schwartz Jensen of Norway, one from Tunis and one from Israel. He said he did not know the names of the latter two.

The spokesman said Aero Holland reports of two Swedish nurses were definitely not correct. Earlier reports said there was only one nurse and another unidentified adult in addition to the crew.

The company refused to release the passenger list until the plane's loss became "official"—United Press and Associated Press.

"EIRE READY TO FIGHT"

Pittsburgh, November 21.—Thomas Barry, a former general in the Irish Republican Army, said here last night that Eire has set aside US\$100,000,000 to buy guns and is ready to fight if necessary to regain the six British-controlled counties of Northern Ireland.

Barry, who is on a month's tour of the United States, was speaking at an anti-partition rally of the United Irish Societies of Western Pennsylvania. "We had to take the 26 counties of Southern Ireland by force. We will probably have to use the same methods in Ulster," he said.—Reuter.

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WORLD'S BAD FOOD POSITION

Washington, November 21.—The annual report of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation declares that the world's food is better off than before, and the poorly-fed mostly are worse off.

The report, to be presented to the Organisation's annual conference today said:

"The output of sugar, fats, fish, livestock, products, fruits and vegetables has been enormously expanded, partly in the temperate zone, and partly in the tropical and sub-tropical regions.

"Three quarters of the world's population has been little affected by these changes. People in the majority of the under-developed countries live as poorly today as their parents and grand-parents lived, in a few of these countries it is true, there has been some improvement in food supply, consumption of sugar appears to have increased most.

"But there is no evidence that the gap in living standards between the rich and poor countries is being narrowed. The contrary is true, because once the country has attained a certain level of wealth, it accumulates further capital without much effort and cumulatively adds to its prosperity.

The gap in living standards was not narrowed, despite last year's harvest in the Northern Hemisphere, which apparently turned the tide against food shortages felt after the war, the report said.

It added that there are two basic issues which now challenge governments in their fight against poverty and malnutrition. One is the clear necessity for technical assistance to under-developed countries, where the supply of material equipment and technical "know how" is inadequate.

The other need is to clear the way for expanded trade in agricultural goods, overcoming currency barriers and production restrictions.—Reuter.

"FLYING CLOUD" IN JAPAN

Tokyo, November 21.—The American Isbrandtsen Line steamship Flying Cloud arrived at Kobe this morning, bearing marks of shelling by a Chinese Nationalist destroyer in the Yangtze River last Monday.

One of the passengers reported that two Japanese were aboard the Japanese fishing boat that brought the officers from the Chinese destroyer to the vessel was preparing to leave Wusong down-river from Shanghai.—Reuter.

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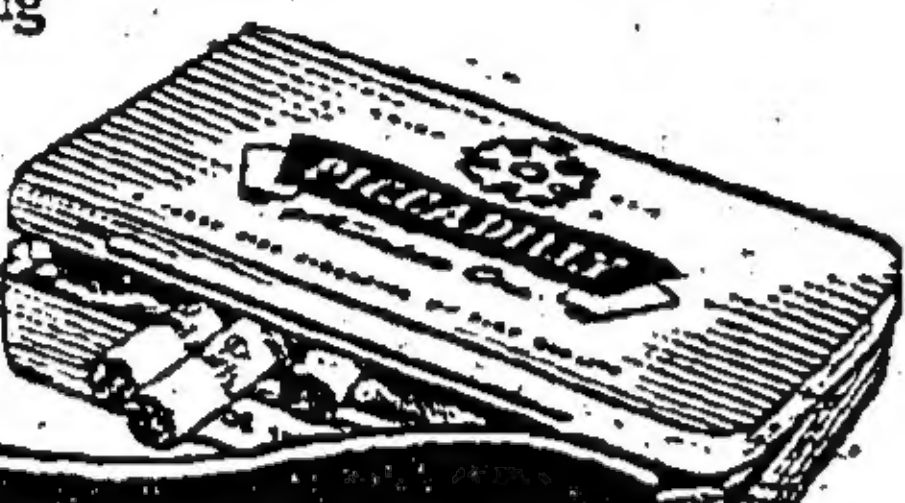
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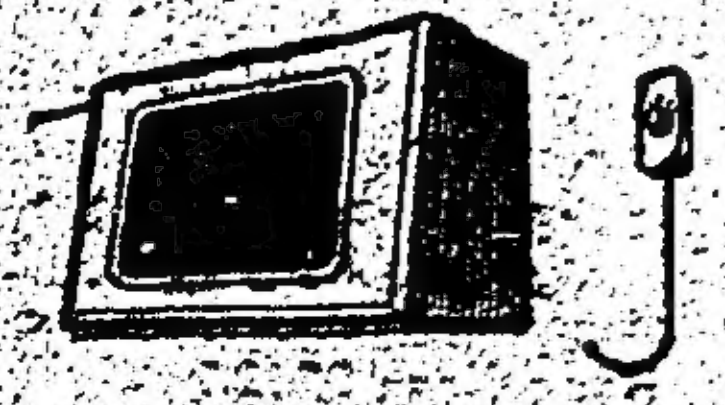
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Correspondence

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Dog Show Ill-Advised?

Sir,—I notice that the Kennel Club are advertising the Annual Dog Show will take place in January 1950. In view of the prevalence of rabies at this time, I think the Kennel Club would be ill advised to hold their show under the circumstances, and would suggest postponing the show until 1951, or if the rabies outbreak has subsided, in the autumn of next year.

I know of several dog owners who, like myself, would not support the show next January. DOG LOVER.

A Pensioner Waits

Sir,—I left Hong Kong on retirement leave on January 21, this year and my leave expired on September 13. I was due to retire on pension, after service since October 16, 1935, as from September 14. Up to the time of writing I have not been paid any pension.

At the outbreak of the Pacific War, I was on leave in Australia, and being unable to return to the Colony I obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to enlist in the Australian Army. I did so, and served until recalled to duty in Hong Kong in August, 1945, returning to the Colony on October 2, 1945.

Before I left Hong Kong on retirement leave I was told by the Authorities that the question of my military service being taken into consideration for leave and pension purposes was still under discussion with the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Soon after arrival in the U.K. I wrote to the Colonial Office, and in reply was informed that the matter should be decided by the Government of Hong Kong.

On September 25, this year, I wrote to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong, by registered air mail, asking that a decision might be accelerated, but to date I have had no reply.

It is my hope that you will publish this letter and then perhaps one of the Unofficial Members of the Council may be prepared to take action on my behalf. I am near the point of having to apply to the local authorities for financial assistance, my means being practically exhausted.

H. N. MORAN,
"San Remo," High St., St. Aubin, Jersey, C. I., November 13.

"No Parking"

Sir,—Every morning when passing Lee House Street I see letters pointed on the ground just in front of No. 5, Prince's Building, "NO PARKING." The letters are about two feet in height and two inches thick. Does this notice mean that this space is reserved for private cars only? If this is not allowed, why do not the authorities see to it that no such defiance is permitted? Any person who wants to cross from this point to the other side of the street must walk to the end of Prince's Building to go on. On rainy days these can block the whole length of Prince's Building, and this is very annoying to the public.

I hope the authorities will enforce the regulations and not allow them to be defied.

Yours truly,
J. A. H.

Most of the side of the road is reserved for the parking of private cars, but there are gaps which bear the "no parking" sign on the ground but appear to be regularly used for parking.—Ed.

Pen Pals

A letter has been received from Joy Carpenter, of 1441, Race Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, U.S.A., inviting readers of the "China Mail" to exchange picture postcards, stamps and letters.

Yolanda Rebecca Lee, of 57, Bonham Road, Hong Kong, has also written in asking for pen pals.

CORFU HERE

The luxurious British passenger liner Corfu reached local waters yesterday after being battered by very rough seas on the way from Singapore with 165 passengers aboard.

Veteran travellers likened the tossing they received to the weather one expects in the Bay of Biscay.

Passengers included students for the Hong Kong University; missionaries, merchants returning to the Colony on their own missions, and Government employees.

The Corfu brought 1,514 mail bags and 1,374 tons of general cargo.

Facing two charges of dangerous and careless driving, Li Yin, driver of 19 Nam Kwok Road, was remanded two days by Mr. James Wick at Kowloon yesterday.

The charges were the result of an accident involving a bus and a military lorry last Saturday at the 11-1/2 mile post, Gaudin Road, in which both vehicles plunged into the valley below, injuring several people.

Bail for defendant was fixed at \$500.

From October 13 this year, Kai Tak Airport has been operating through one of the slackest periods in its career as a world ranking international civil air station.

This resulted directly from the Nationalist reverses in the Chinese civil war and, more recently, from the mass defection of CNAC and CATC, two of the main airlines operating in the Colony.

The immense decrease in commercial air activity is clearly shown in the Civil Aviation Department's statistics of air movements.

In the first two weeks in November for instance, CATC recorded a daily average of 14 aircraft arriving at and taking off from Kai Tak. This figure represents less than half the number of planes arriving alone each day in the Colony prior to the fall of Canton. Passenger movements can be calculated in similar proportions.

The Colony's airport reached the peak of its aviation record during the month of August this year when 3,188 aircraft carried 41,021 passengers in and out of Hong Kong. The record previous to this was in May this year when 2,933 aircraft were checked, and passengers in and out totalled 40,573.

These two months were exceptionally busy due mainly to the exodus from Shanghai (in May) and later, in the August-September period, to the retreat from Swatow, Amoy and Canton.

Without the presentation of figures even, the difference in the scene at Kai Tak today as compared with that of a month back is very obvious. What was once a bustling, heavily populated, traffic-clogged small area is today a calm, quiet, almost deserted place with plenty of room to move about.

Idle Aircraft

The defection of the two Chinese airlines has also given a new atmosphere to Kai Tak. The day there is full of suspense and anticipation with the persistent question from everyone who has any reason at all to be at the airfield: "What's going to happen?"

Planes parked along the workshops are huge undecorated hulks whereas before each aircraft was always humming with activity from the maintenance departments.

Much will be happening again at Kai Tak and soon, but what and when, nobody knows. Meanwhile the idle aircraft of CNAC and CATC remain with engines cold on the field.

Occasionally someone climbs aboard one of them to put in a screw or take out a nut. Some of the aircraft is towed from one parking lot to another. That is all that is allowed to be done to the planes.

The certificate of registration for the planes has been cancelled following the sensational political change of heart action by the executive of the two airline companies. And without the certificates being issued, the aircraft cannot be taken away by any party.

So, until such time as the position is clarified or ownership established, the DC3's, DC4's, C46's, Conquists etc. will remain where they are.

Police Guards

Policemen armed with Sten guns are in the airfield to guarantee his peaceful status. They are not posted to any particular spot. Any visitor to the airport may approach the aircraft to see the Nationalist emblems erased from some planes or replaced by a red rectangle on others. But the visitors will see police guards frequently patrolling the area.

Such is the scene at Kai Tak these days. Considerably less busy in traffic than before, but still a scene of continuous operations by other airlines such as BOAC, Hong Kong Airways, RAA, PAL, TAA and others.

At the entrance of the airport yesterday, some 500 to 600 people were gathered at about 3 p.m. They were in orderly crowd watching a party of more than 50 policemen exercising with tin helmets and shields. The watchers seemed to have been quite impressed by the show, although many standing there were openly sporting the red emblem badge on their tunics.

NO CASE TO ANSWER

Three women, Wong So, aged 27, Ma Shu-mui, aged 21, and Gao Lai-ping, aged 24, appeared before Mr. Hin-ching Lo, at Central yesterday charged with loitering in Wing Fung Street, on October 21 for the purpose of soliciting for prostitution.

Inspector Wheeler said that on the night of October 21 he was on patrol with a party of police at Wing Fung Street. The three women ran on the police and were arrested after a chase.

All three accused said they were out for an evening walk and ran because they saw other people running.

After hearing the evidence, Mr. Lo ruled that the accused had no case to answer, and they were discharged.

FERRY CRASH FINDINGS

The Board of Inquiry investigating a harbour accident to the Star Ferry launch Golden Star on the night of October 29 returned its findings yesterday.

The Board, Mr. F. W. J. Skelliff as President and Mr. F. J. Kiell as Member, found that the accident was due to a defect in the operation of the main engine steam stop valve caused by a fractured five-eighth steel stud and two five-eighth steel washers becoming lodged between the valve and the seat, thereby preventing the stop valve being closed.

There was no direct evidence to show how the stud and two washers found their way into the valve chest and it was presumed that they accidentally got otherwise left in the boiler steam valve or main steam pipe line during a previous overhaul.

The Board found that both the master, Tam Kin-wai, and the engineer, Lo Cheung, are free from all blame and desired to place on record that it is considered that the master acted in a reasonable manner and the engineer showed initiative and promptitude by, when being unable to comply with an order for reduced speed, put the engines in reverse and in doing so prevented a more serious accident.

The Golden Star, pride of the Star Ferry launch fleet, struck the Hong Kong sea-wall of the Star Ferry Pier at 8.50 p.m. on October 29, sustaining minor damage. Twelve passengers were injured.

CONSPIRACY SENTENCES

Sentence of three years' imprisonment was imposed on Leung Siu, of 26 Shantung Street, by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday for the illegal possession of a dagger and conspiracy to commit a robbery.

In Tak, co-defendant, was sentenced to two years on a conspiracy count.

Inspector S. H. Dowman, prosecuting said that first defendant was arrested by police constables in the early morning of October 9 in Canton Road. The constable flashed his torch at defendant who told him not to come near. Defendant was then chased and caught with the help of another constable in Duncan Street.

On information second defendant was arrested. They later admitted to the police that they conspired to hire a boat at the Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter to commit a robbery so that they could go to Macao.

Mrs. Tony Ang Back In Hong Kong

Mrs. Tony Ang and her three children arrived in Hong Kong aboard the ss. Changsha from Brisbane, Australia, yesterday, to rejoin her Chinese husband.

Mrs. Ang, the former Miss Majorie Pettit of Brisbane, left Hong Kong three months ago and returned to Australia with her three sons.

The Ang family originally left Australia on July 28 after the Minister for Immigration, Mr. Arthur Calwell, threatened to deport Mrs. Ang under the provisions of the White Australia policy.

After six weeks in Hong Kong, Mrs. Ang was not able to find suitable employment, and it was decided that Mrs. Ang should return to Australia to ensure their sons' education.

The "China Mail" sponsored a fund for the Ang family, which included with the passage of an anonymous Brisbane citizen, enabled Mrs. Ang to return to Brisbane.

Mrs. Ang said yesterday that her husband had secured a good job running a cafe in a boy's school in Hong Kong, and had also found suitable living quarters.

She added: "When Tony wrote me about his job, and that I could wait to rejoin him here in Hong Kong. Now that we are together, again, we don't want any more publicity, all we want is to live quietly and bring up our boys as best we can."

The three sons, Anthony, 11, Raymond, two, and Dennis, six months, have recovered from living in a slum area in Kowloon City.

Mrs. Ang said: "The Immigration Minister, Mr. Calwell, tried to make political capital out of my taking the children back to Hong Kong. However the facts are that now Tony is doing well here, we can bring up the children decently in Hong Kong."

"It was only because Tony and I were not certain about their education and future, when Tony had not found employment when we first came here, that I returned to Australia."

"I mean every word I said about Mr. Calwell before, and interpretation of the White Australia Policy."

"When he stops thinking and acting as if his position as Minister for Immigration gives him the power to break up families at his whim and fancy, then we will be happy to forgive him. However, he is still conducting general raids on Australian Chinese, and trying to force them to leave Australia."

Mrs. Ang said that she was very happy to have her family together again, and he was certain they would never be separated in future.



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham and Lady Grantham inspecting exhibits at the Photographic Society's Salon at St. John Cathedral Hall yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

Man Summonses His Brother-in-Law

Hearing on the summonses issued by Siu Yuk-ki, 138 Leichikok Road, against his brother-in-law, Ng Mo, alias Ng Wing-tai, alias Ng Wing-wah, for harbouring a married woman and for committing adultery with a married woman, Li Wun-wan, began before Mr. James Wick at Kowloon yesterday.

The summonses alleged that Ng between September 11, 1947, and October 3, 1949, committed adultery with Siu's wife, and that while complainant was away in the country defendant harboured the former's wife at 131 Parkes Street.

The complainant and the defendant married Li Wun-wan.

CMSN Official's Denial

Local reports that responsible officials of the China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company Hong Kong Office have received instructions from their Communist superiors not to defect for the time being were described as "sheer nonsense" by the local authorities last evening.

"Personally, I have not received any memorandum from any Communist organisation. None of my responsible staff has been in contact with any Communist authorities running the CMSN. Officers in Communist China," Mr. C. C. Tong, Acting Manager of the CMSN-Hong Kong Office declared.

Mr. Tong, who succeeds Mr. K. C. Chen, who resigned about a month ago and is acting as adviser to the company, denied categorically yesterday reports that the CMSN had received information from the Reds to the effect that the Company should not defect until after the recognition of the People's Government by the British Government.

Mr. Tong reaffirmed the Hong Kong Office's decision to stand by the Nationalist Government at Taipei. He stated that no contact has been made at any time with the Shanghai CMSN Head Office.

Mrs. Tony Ang Back In Hong Kong

Mrs. Tony Ang and her three children arrived in Hong Kong aboard the ss. Changsha from Brisbane, Australia, yesterday, to rejoin her Chinese husband.

Mrs. Ang, the former Miss Majorie Pettit of Brisbane, left Hong Kong three months ago and returned to Australia with her three sons.

The Ang family originally left Australia on July 28 after the Minister for Immigration, Mr. Arthur Calwell, threatened to deport Mrs. Ang under the provisions of the White Australia policy.

After six weeks in Hong Kong, Mrs. Ang was not able to find suitable employment, and it was decided that Mrs. Ang should return to Australia to ensure their sons' education.

The "China Mail" sponsored a fund for the Ang family, which included with the passage of an anonymous Brisbane citizen, enabled Mrs. Ang to return to Brisbane.

Mrs. Ang said yesterday that her husband had secured a good job running a cafe in a boy's school in Hong Kong, and had also found suitable living quarters.

She added: "When Tony wrote me about his job, and that I could wait to rejoin him here in Hong Kong. Now that we are together, again, we don't want any more publicity, all we want is to live quietly and bring up our boys as best we can."

The three sons, Anthony, 11, Raymond, two, and Dennis, six months, have recovered from living in a slum area in Kowloon City.

Mrs. Ang said: "The Immigration Minister, Mr. Calwell, tried to make political capital out of my taking the children back to Hong Kong. However the facts are that now Tony is doing well here, we can bring up the children decently in Hong Kong."

"It was only because Tony and I were not certain about their education and future, when Tony had not found employment when we first came here, that I returned to Australia."

"I mean every word I said about Mr. Calwell before, and interpretation of the White Australia Policy."

"When he stops thinking and acting as if his position as Minister for Immigration gives him the power to break up families at his whim and fancy, then we will be happy to forgive him. However, he is still conducting general raids on Australian Chinese, and trying to force them to leave Australia."

Mrs. Ang said that she was very happy to have her family together again, and he was certain they would never be separated in future.

PHOTO SALON OPENED

The Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Alexander Grantham, yesterday opened the Fourth International Salon of Pictorial Photography at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

The Governor and Lady Grantham were among a distinguished gathering invited to a private viewing of the pictures, which will be publicly displayed as from today. The exhibition will last until November 28, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Governor was met at the entrance of the Hall by an official delegation of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong, an international body dedicated to the promotion of photographic art in the Colony, and affiliated to other similar societies all over the world.

Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham toured the hall and closely inspected all the exhibits on view. A keen photographer himself, the Governor said later that he was impressed by the very high quality of the pictures displayed.

There were 140 pictures in the salon, ranging from studies of facial expressions, both Western and Asiatic, to an impression of a Himalaya peak bathed in wintry sunlight.

Representative studies in the nude were rare, and only one of these, combining trick photography and sheer art, evoked interest.

Two very fine pictures of a happy puppy playing with a chick rounded off the exhibition, made noteworthy by its wide diversity of subjects.

Fascinatingly old-world in its conception of the relation of photography to art, the exhibition suggested that school of pictorialism which rejects the introduction of Picasso in the sacred sphere of camera.

The pictures now on view are a truism that Big Ben photographed at the correct angle, at the correct time and in the correct lighting arrangement, retains a superior beauty of its own which tinkery and modernism can only distort.

The artists contributing to the exhibition, belonging to many nationalities, achieved a remarkable degree of similarity in their treatment of subjects. One picture of an English church matched the colonial perfection of a cathedral in Macao, despite the discrepancy of Chinese beggars playing on the cobbled pathway. The religious flavour of a cross standing bold against the sky dominated both exhibits.

Mr. William O'Neil of Reuters returned from Manila yesterday by the ss. Changsha.

Among the other passengers who returned from Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne by the ss. Changsha yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. H. Ching, Mr. and Mrs. E. Blackmore, Miss Yvonne Blackmore, Miss G. Buchanan, Mrs. Margaret King, Miss Karen King, Mrs. Isabel Lindsay, Miss Gay M. Lindsay, Mrs. Gertrude McTavish, Miss Lynette McTavish, Mrs. Marjorie Norrison, Mrs. Cynthia Stocks, Mr. Ernest Simmons, Mrs. Vera Simmons, Mr. William Watson, Mrs. Winifred Watson, Prof. Chau Kon-hin, Mrs. Ruth Chau, Mrs. Maury Brown and Mrs. Mollie Smith.

Dr. E. H. S. Lee, MBE, MBBS, (HK), DLORCS, (Eng.) was appointed as Honorary Otorhinolaryngologist to Kowloon Hospital, J. M. L. Young, E. H. Fife, A. Fife, G. F. Andrew, L. Shiff, S. Cooley, B. C. Chen, C. B. Myers, F. Rosenberg, H. H. Books, J. E. Forte, G. Lin, B. Brown, A. V. Minney, and Tan K. A.

Among the new week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tilton, Messrs. A. A. Bawany, C. A. Lee, A. G. Becker, W. Baubau, E. U. Ruckin, and E. S. Simkin.

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Departures from the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end included Mrs. C. Weiss, Mr. and

REINFORCEMENTS DUE TODAY

More than 500 troop reinforcements for the Hong Kong garrison will arrive in Hong Kong this morning on the ss. Devonshire.

An army spokesman declined to give details on the particular contingents aboard the Devonshire.

He added that the replacements were due for most of the local land service branches in Hong Kong.

RASC DRIVER FACES A CHARGE OF RAPE

Reminders

Today

Urban Council meeting, GPC Bldg, 4:15 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Rotary Club, talk on "The Hong Kong Boy" by the Rev. Fr. T. Ryan, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
HK Council of Social Service Executive Committee meeting, Board Room of SCIF Post, 1:15 p.m.
Kowloon United Church, Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6:45 p.m.
Whist Drive at Nine Dragons Services Club, Kowloon, 8 p.m. (Service only)

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Tee H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8:30 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, Games Morning, 10 a.m.
Misheng classes, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Amateur Radio Transmitters Society, meeting at China Fleet Club theatre, 5:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden HK Hotel, 12:45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show "Ballet of Britain," Helena May Institute, 5:30 p.m.
HK International Women's Club, Dance for Services, 7:30 p.m.

Robbed Inspector Of Revolver

Wong Wing-chai, also named Wong Kin, aged 36, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, for robbing Traffic Inspector Yeung Tak-cheung of his revolver, six rounds of ammunition, and a wrist watch, on September 5, at Pitts Street, Kowloon.

His accomplice, Chong Kam-tung, who had already pleaded guilty to the robbery charge as well as to possession of arms, was sentenced to 10 years' hard labour.

The robbery took place on the night of September 5 as the traffic inspector held up a taxi for having no headlights which the driver had deliberately turned off to attract attention. His two passengers were the two accused, one of whom pointed a revolver at the driver's back.

When the inspector, who was on patrol duty, came up he found a revolver poked at him, and was told to go after he had been divested of his arms and watch.

In a statement from the dock Wong said he only accompanied Chong who committed the robbery.

The Chief Justice said both men were found to be credibly untruthful or else they would have also been given corporal punishment.

JAP AUTOMATIC PARTS SEIZED

An ex-Nationalist Navy man who was debriefed in Macao appeared before Mr. Scholes at Central yesterday charged with possession of arms without a licence.

Sub-inspector H. B. Dewar said that defendant, Wong Sam, aged 29, arrived from Macao by the ex-Lee Hong at 7 a.m. on Saturday. During a routine search at the Po Tak wharf parts of a Japanese automatic pistol were found in the heel of a rubber boot and other parts were found wrapped among his clothing.

Wong said that another man had the remaining parts of the pistol but he was not found. He added that he was taking the gun to Reiman Island.

Defendant was fined \$250 or six weeks and was warned that it was against the regulations of the Colony to import arms.

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Andrew Milne, aged 23, RASC driver of Edinburgh, faced the Criminal Sessions yesterday to answer a charge of raping a 30-year-old Chinese woman on September 1.

The case was heard by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gould. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Scragg, conducted the prosecution, while Mr. A. J. Clifford, on the instruction of the Hong Kong Bar Association, defended Milne who pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Hooton told the Court that the alleged incident took place in the New Territories, in a disused cell of the demolished building of the former Castle Peak Police Station—a rather lonely spot in the area.

In this disused police station lived Tsui Yung, the woman alleged to have been assaulted in the case, and her husband, Wong Wing, an odd job coiler.

Mr. Hooton said it was the case of the Crown that Tsui Yung was a woman of good character, and that she was not of the kind to indulge in flirtations or to do anything worse with the men around the area.

On the evening of September 1, after their evening meal, husband and wife lay down to sleep. Suddenly the door was pushed open, and a European man dressed in green military uniform came in. Wong Wing, the husband, got up, and was pushed out of the cell by Milne, Counsel claimed.

Mr. Hooton said it must be remembered what class of people Tsui Yung and her husband were. They were frightened of foreigners, and Wong Wing was so frightened that he did very little about it at the actual time.

Alleged Assault

Milne, went on Crown Counsel, then pushed Tsui Yung to the ground and allegedly assaulted her. After that he took the woman to the kitchen where further assaults took place.

An iron dealer named Chan Kam, who slept in the kitchen, was awakened by the cries of Tsui Yung. He tried to intervene, but was pushed away after he was assaulted by Milne.

After the further alleged assault in the kitchen, Milne was alleged to have dragged the woman across the road to a nearby house, where Milne and another soldier were billeted. The place was known to the soldiers as "The Haunted House". Dragging Tsui into his bedroom, Milne was alleged to have again assaulted her.

At this time, said Mr. Hooton, a noise of people arriving was heard, and Milne dragged the woman on to the roof.

Upon the arrival of the police Milne was taken into custody, and he was identified on the spot by Tsui Yung as the man who had assaulted her.

Milne himself, upon being told by Inspector Scragg of the woman's accusation, admitted that he did assault her, said Crown Counsel. Thereupon he was taken to the Police Station. The next morning both he and the woman were medically examined, and according to the evidence of the doctor, his findings were consistent with the woman's statement that she had been assaulted.

No Marks

Mr. Hooton went on to say that normally in rape cases the victim showed marks of the assault, but there were no such marks shown in this case. This, he said, could be accounted for by the fact that the woman was frightened because her alleged attacker was a foreigner, and she did not show much physical resistance.

Why, asked Crown Counsel, should a British soldier stationed there such a thing to a woman who was not particularly attractive? The answer, he said, was that he had been drinking. The doctor would tell the Court about the effect of drink, and the evidence would also show that Milne had a considerable amount of drink with a friend earlier in the evening.

It would be the case of the Crown that this amount of drink Milne had consumed had so impaired his power of restraint as to make him give way more readily to wild animal violence, said Mr. Hooton, as he concluded his opening statement.

Drier Oaks, of the RASC, giving evidence, told the Court that on the evening of September 1 he went with Milne to Kowloon. At 9:45 p.m. they had some small beers, following up with large ones, and then a few whiskies. Milne had several double whiskies before they went back to the New Territories in a truck, and Milne was dropped at the "Haunted House" at about 11:30 p.m.

Husband's Story

Wong Wing, the husband of the complainant, said he was frightened when he saw a European man "pushing in and" dressing himself. "Don't do it," she said, he said, but he was pushed out of the cell. He then went for police assistance.

Crown examined by Mr. Clifford, Wong denied that he deliberately took time to get police

assistance because he knew his wife was safe, in answer to the jury. Wong said he had never seen Milne before, and could not say whether he smelled of liquor or not, nor how Milne could have known a woman was in the cell.

Tsui Yung, the complainant, told the Court that she did resist and struck at Milne when he assaulted her but he was much too strong for her. When she was dragged into the kitchen Chan Kam tried to intervene, saying to Milne, "don't" and "stop" but all he got was a blow of the fist from Milne. After the assault in the "Haunted House" shouts of people were heard, and Milne dragged her to the roof. Both she and Milne were naked, but she managed to catch up her clothes. Milne pushed her into a dark corner and left her when the shouts came nearer. Later she found that he had been arrested by the police.

The Court adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

Trading With East River

Trade between the Colony and Swabie, East River District between Hong Kong and Swatow, is increasing gradually to its former scale.

The 240-ton Chinese river motor vessel Fook Wah returned yesterday with the first sizable amount of cargo—700 head of live-stock and 76 baskets of fresh eggs besides other fresh products—after reaching the Communist-occupied port under cover of darkness.

The Fook Wah was the first vessel of her kind to link up Hong Kong with the Communist port. Smaller river craft, including motor junks and motor boats, have maintained trade by skulking along the coast and sneaking into every port under cover of darkness.

The master reported yesterday that he did not encounter any intelligent Nationalist naval craft on the way up or when returning. "We reached the coastal port safely at night. We returned by the same method with the protection of darkness," he said.

The Communists have not altered the way of life at Swabie in any considerable measure. People were going on as usual. But there was very little shipping activity. This might apparently be due to lack of contact with other ports, especially Hong Kong. An indication of the resumption of trade being just routine operation was given by the freight charges which revealed that the freight charges are still the same as before.

Women On Gold Charge

Three Chinese women, Sun Siu-sen, Teng Teh-lung and Chau Pei-chen, were fined \$450, \$350 and \$100, respectively, by Mr. James Wickes at Kowloon yesterday on charges of importing gold into the Colony without a permit.

First two defendants, who arrived here by CAT plane from Chungking on Saturday, altogether had 124 taels of gold hidden in their shoes when they were searched at the airport.

The third defendant arrived here by plane from Kowloon on Sunday with six taels of gold coins.

Revenue Inspector F. Fowler, prosecuting, said that when third defendant was asked whether she had any gold to declare, she indicated that she had some gold coins.

All the defendants' gold was ordered to be returned upon payment of the fines.

ASSAULT CASE

An assault in which the victim was scolded with boiling water and then knocked unconscious with a piece of firewood resulted in Li Tak-lung, aged 25, being fined \$20 by Mr. Scholes at Central yesterday.

Sub-inspector Dewar said that Li and Mei Fui, aged 20, the complainant, were both employed by the Hong Shing Cafe at 12, Queen Victoria Street. They were working in the kitchen on Saturday evening when they quarrelled over a tray. Accused then split boiling water on the complainant's foot and also hit her on the head with a piece of firewood, rendering her unconscious.



GURKHAS GET A NEW OC

Lieutenant-Colonel L. H. O. Pugh, DSO, formerly GSO 1, 40th Infantry Division, took over command of the 26th (Gurkha) Brigade yesterday. The Brigade's former commander, Brigadier A. de Burgh Morris, DSO, has returned to the United Kingdom.

Educated at Wellington and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, Brigadier Pugh had a distinguished military record during the war, including the award of the DSO, and two bars while serving in the Far Eastern theatre of operations.

Brigadier Pugh was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1927 and served with the Field Artillery in Germany and the Royal Horse Artillery in India until 1934, when he was seconded to the Indian Police. He was awarded the Indian Police Medal in 1933.

After a period at the Staff College, Quetta, Brigadier Pugh served on the General Staff of the Indian Army, and in 1942 when he was appointed GSO 1, 40th Infantry Division. For services in the Arakan he was mentioned in despatches in 1943. He was awarded the DSO for his services at Kohima and in the subsequent operation during the monsoon in the Naga and Somra Hill Tracts of the Assam-Burma Border, as commander of 25 Mountain Regiment, Royal Indian Artillery.

He was awarded the bar to the DSO in 1945 for his services in command of a column of all arms and as commander 43 Indian Infantry Brigade in the battles for the Burma oil fields.

Brigadier Pugh was later in command of the 49th Indian Infantry Brigade and took part in the heavy fighting in Soerabaya, N.E.I. He was awarded a second bar to the DSO.

After a period of sick leave, Brigadier Pugh was appointed as GSO 1 in the War Office, he took over the appointment of 40 Infantry Division on its formation in June 1949. He arrived in Hong Kong in July.

Brigadier Pugh, who before the war was a well-known gentleman rider in India and at home, is a former NFI and comes from a distinguished military family. His father, Major T. O. Pugh, DSO, is Deputy Lieutenant for Cardiganshire and served in the Boer War and the Great War. Since the Indian Mutiny no less than three of Brigadier Pugh's family have won the Victoria Cross.

HELENA MAY FILM SHOW

A film-show on Ballet in Britain will be given by the British Council at the Helena May Institute at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The programme will be introduced by Miss Carol Baigman, ballet critic and expert with a film entitled "Steps of the Ballet" followed by "Instruments of the Orchestra," explaining and illustrating various types of instruments, with a commentary by Sir Malcolm Sargent.

Owing to limited accommodation previous applications for tickets should be made to the British Council Office at the Old Urban Council Building in Statue Square.

A special performance on the same lines for children only will be given at 4 p.m. on the same day at the Institute.

New Scheme For Collection Of School Fees

A detailed statement on collection of schools' fees by educational institutions was issued by the Director of Education yesterday. It was issued to clarify the new collection arrangements approved by the Director.

Outlining the present position, the Director's statement said: "The schools first fix the annual fee which for private schools at least, will provide the income needed to meet their expenditure. For simplicity, suppose that this fee is \$248.

"From a purely financial point of view it is then comparatively unimportant whether the fee is collected in one annual instalment of \$248, in three instalments of \$80, in 10 instalments of \$24, or in 12 monthly instalments of \$20. In each case the total fee for the year's tuition is the same.

"To protect the parent of moderate means, the schools were allowed to collect fees in monthly instalments only, payable in advance. However, to cover the period of the summer holidays, August fees could be collected in July. Thus the parent was required to pay 10 instalments of \$20 and one of \$48.

Avoiding Payment

"Some pupils leave at the end of June and enrol in another school in September, thus avoiding payment of fees for July and August. Also, Senior pupils who leave after the external examination in June have had a full year's tuition for only 10 months' fees (for \$200) and so have deprived the school of \$48.

"Thus it was necessary to protect the schools. They were accordingly directed to collect fees in 10 instalments to be paid monthly in advance from September to June inclusive, no fees being collected for July and August.

"In our example, each of the 10 instalments would be \$24, and the total fee \$240 as before. This ruling did not come into force until October, and in September the lower fee of \$20 instead of \$24 had already been collected. It was therefore necessary to charge \$28 in October in order that the average for the two months would be \$24. In some cases, did not avoid collecting fractions of dollars, it was necessary slightly to increase or decrease the total fee.

"The position was then considered of those schools which remained open throughout the summer, and in which pupils were recruited on a month to month basis. Here it was obviously unsatisfactory to collect fees in other than 12 monthly instalments. The instructions directing collections in 10 equal instalments only were amended to give each school the option of collecting fees in 10 or in 12 equal instalments.

"Many parents prefer to pay fees by the term. If the school is willing this is permissible, provided that no instalment shall exceed half the annual fee. It must be clearly understood, however, that no parent can be required to pay fees in this way.

"To summarise, the present position is that the pupil must pay the gazetted inclusive fee but may not be required to pay any fee or subscription other than this. The school directs whether the payment is to be made in 10 or 12 instalments, but where the parent wishes and the school agrees, the fees may be paid by the term.

"There is much confusion also about the nature of school fees. The fee gazetted is the 'inclusive fee'. This consists of the 'tuition fee' plus a fee or subscription to cover all extra, such as games, library, etc. on. In the Grant Schools, the inclusive monthly fee has not yet been gazetted pending final agreement and approval of the Grant Code."

Two drivers, Leung Lam of 33 Shanghai Street, and Cheung Shing of 39 Ta Kwai Road, were fined \$350 and \$250, respectively, by Mr. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday for allowing their private cars to be used for hire at Shatin over the week-end.

FAREWELL TO R.G. CRAIG

The members of the Kowloon Dock Club gave a farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Craig in the Club House of the Kowloon Dock Club last evening to mark the occasion of Mr. Craig's departure from the Colony upon retirement.

In addition to the members and their ladies, there were also present representatives of the Marine Surveyors of the Colony who have had long associations with Mr. Craig and Kowloon Dock.

During the evening a presentation was made by Mr. J. V. Ramsay on behalf of the Club and friends, as a mark of their appreciation of Mr. Craig's very long association with the Colony and with the Club.

Mr. Ramsay referred to Mr. Craig having joined the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. as a Naval Architect some 22 years previously, and later becoming its Chief Manager. During this time, Mr. Craig had always been a keen sportsman, having played tennis, golf and billiards, but it was his lawn bowling that he was best remembered, having in the past won the Club Championship and also been runner-up in the Colony Bowls Championship in 1933.

Mr. S. K. Hui expressed his thanks on behalf of the Surveyors and Superintendents and to their long association and friendship with Mr. Craig and Kowloon Dock.

The Chairman and members of the Hong Kong Kai Fong and the Chinese No. 1 Contractors of the Dock Company presented Mr. Craig with an illuminated Chinese scroll in recognition of his long interest in the Chinese workmen of the Dock Co.

In acknowledging his thanks Mr. Craig said that it was not his intention to retire on the day of 52 which had now been caused by the sudden change in his health, which had come as a great surprise to him.

Mr. Craig thanked the members of the Kowloon Dock Club, their friends and the Hong Kong Kai Fong for the most acceptable gifts.

Miss Katherine Tang, of the Mercantile Bank of India, became the bride of Mr. Jackson Wai, General Manager of Fook Tung Trading Company, yesterday. They were married at St. Margaret's Church. The Rev. Fr. Otavio Maria Liberatori officiated.

Witnesses were Mr. William Gockson, Director of Wing On Company, and Mr. D. Benson, Manager of the Mercantile Bank of India.

Mr. C. T. Wu acted as bestman and Miss Joyce Leung was Maid-of-Honor. In the evening a reception was held at Kam Ling Restaurant. It was attended by some 500 guests.

WEDDING AT THE REGISTRY

Miss Leatrice Lowe, of "Overbay," Ruspine Bay, was married to Mr. Lee Wing-sum, of 74 Kennedy Road, at the Registry Office yesterday.

The bridegroom is a son of the late Mr. Lee Hsien, and is a well-known merchant in Hong Kong. The witnesses at the wedding were Mr. Richard Lee and Mr. Lee Tung-sum.

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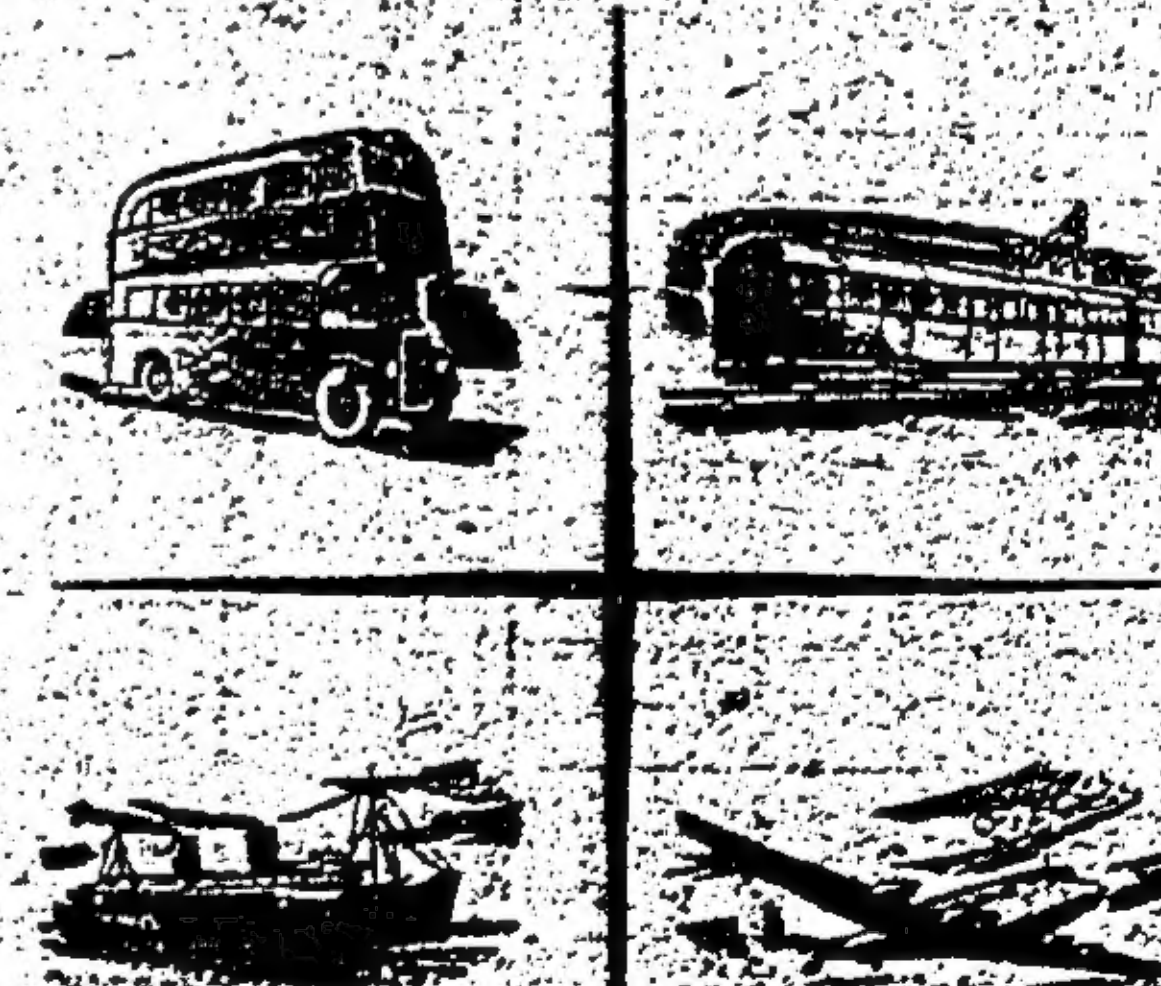
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SERIOUS PEASANT RIOTS IN ITALY

Rome, November 20.
Serious clashes between police and peasants agitating for land were reported tonight from Southern Italy, a few hours after the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, had arrived there on a two-day visit.
In Rome, the Home Minister, Signor Mario Scelba, today ordered police in Southern Italy and Sicily to use force against peasants occupying thousands of acres of land on big estates.

The clashes were said to have broken out in a 400-mile stretch of country in Southern Italy and Sicily, where reports told of peasants occupying thousands of acres and beginning to till the land on a "count-down."

The Premier, who arrived today at Calabria in the heart of the troubled region, accompanied by the Minister of Agriculture, Signor Antonio Segni, told

peasants that he was giving orders to hasten the distribution of 8,650 acres of land which were appropriated from landowners.
"If the landowners regard the right of property as sacred we will never solve the problem of the poor people who need land to cultivate in order to live," he declared.

Officials here said that Signor Scelba issued his "Use Force" order because of the alleged failure of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour to respect an agreement reached with the Government last week.

Under this, the Confederation's Secretary General, Signor Giuseppe di Vittorio, agreed to call off organized peasant agitation while details were being worked out for the immediate distribution of the 8,650 acres already granted by the Government.

The Prime Minister was also accompanied on his visit to the South by three American economic aid experts. Work is being inaugurated today on road and water projects which will open up a great part of the Sila Region near Treviso, Northern Italy.

Financed by Marshall Aid, the projects will eventually irrigate 15,000 acres of barren land, drain another 5,000 and bring drinking water to 15,000 peasants and 5,000 head of livestock.

A group of landowners and industrialists in Northern Italy today collected 235 ploughs to be offered to peasants who, with practically no capital, are being given land of their own.—Reuter.

"DAILY EXPRESS" SNUBBED
New York, November 20.
Mr. Hector McNeill, British Minister of State, commented on an editorial in the "Daily Express" which is reported to have urged Britain to leave the UN rather than give them information on Britain's colonial empire.

"The editorials of the Daily Express" certainly do not represent the viewpoint of the British Government and this editorial is a counsel of radical, irresponsible advice.—Associated Press.

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Aly Khan Annoyed

Lausanne, November 20.
Reports that a baby was born over a week ago to Rita Hayworth have caused irritation to her husband, Prince Aly Khan.

The Prince and his wife have been staying at the fashionable Palace Hotel at Lausanne for the past two weeks.

The baby is expected to be born at the Mont Chaux Clinic, Lausanne, in the near future but the expected date is being kept a close secret.

The Princess leaves the Hotel with Prince Aly almost every day and her baby's arrival is unquestionably still expected.

Prince Aly today refused even to deny an American Press report that the baby was delivered on November 9.

The Prince avoided journalists with evident irritation this morning and hotel officials said he threatened to leave the hotel if he were approached.—Associated Press.

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Delayed Action Of Atom Bombs

Boston, November 20.
The first delayed action of atomic bombing has appeared in survivors at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In the form of eye cataracts, Dr. David Cogan of Massachusetts said tonight.
Dr. Cogan said the effects of the cataracts are felt gradually and three of the persons examined have now begun to lose their eyesight.—United Press.

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PIERCY—To Joan, (nee Kenniff) wife of K. C. Piercy at Queen Mary Hospital, on Monday November 21, 1949, a son, Michael Charles.

DECISION — OR DEFAULT

Acting President Li Tsung-jen's arrival in Hong Kong is said to have caused consternation in Chungking. That is, of course, a mere figure of speech, for the National Government is no longer capable of such emotional crises. General Li's action may increase the Government's extraordinary mobility. It may open up idle speculation as to the next move on the chess-board of gestures that have lost all meaning in the general scene of Nationalist dissolution. It will also add to the Nationalist loss of standing abroad.

But no attempt by the Communist Government to short-circuit the normal—and in our opinion inevitable—processes of recognition will succeed by knocking at the back door of the United Nations. There isn't much point in the Nationalist contention that the Peking regime is an illegitimate and rebellious offspring of the parent Kuomintang. But the fact is that Nationalist China sits on the Security Council and will stay there till international recognition is withdrawn in favour of its successor.

If there is too great delay, there may be a demand for the withdrawal of recognition of the present representatives of China as an interim measure. But the United Nations' Charter doesn't tell us what can be done if the Nationalist delegate, armed with the power of veto, should defy such action.

Quite possibly the United Nations may be plagued with a great deal more oratory on the subject, and Mr. Vyshinsky's espousal of the Chinese Communist cause may lead to quite a lot of counter-propaganda on the record of the Soviet Government in regard to China and territories over which China held suzerainty. But these jousts will lead nowhere.

Positive treatment and positive decision are necessary. The members of the Commonwealth have decided on recognition of the Peking Government. There are nuances about timing and guarantees. So long as these are not exploited to put off the formal deed of recognition, they won't matter much. It would be a lot easier to deal decisively with the realities of today if we knew a little more about the precise realities of the morrow. But our present world isn't so kind and indulgent.

Even in the United States, thinking seems to be shifting from the wrath of recognition to the impotence of non-recognition. Feeling remains strong on the Mukden outrage. But the painful fact is that while she remains on the outside looking in, America cannot even negotiate for the release of the imprisoned officials. There is even a feeling that perhaps after all some of the Chinese Communists are not so very keen on Western recognition! That certainly is one obvious lesson of this very unpleasant affair.

Meanwhile the State Department has been taking unprecedented measures in formulating a revised policy. General Marshall, Governor Stassen, and many other public men and organisations have been called into con-

A FEW MORE BICYCLES WOULD HAVE MEANT MORE NUTS

By **HOWARD FRENCH**

I sat looking at the London paper with the headline: "Nuts: The Great Fiasco." As I read, the man in the next chair leant over and said: "Excuse me, I see you are interested in groundnuts?" "Who wouldn't be?" I replied, "they've lost \$22,500,000 of our money."

"Yes, and I know a bit about the way it's gone," he said. "District Commissioner, you know. A sort of Saunders of the River. I can tell you plenty about this nut middle."

"Of course, you have to go back to the beginning to get your ideas straight about the scheme. You'll remember Frank Samuel, boss of the United Africa Company, put the idea up to the Government three years ago. 'I suppose the Socialists saw themselves as a lot of Empire builders winning everlasting fame in the jungle. Anyway, they sent out this mission to make an economic investigation. And it was on the basis of the Mission's report that the scheme went ahead."

Soggy Ground

"What seems to me incredible is that all the miscalculations seem to be based on the calculations of misadventurers really, of high-powered experts. You'd think they ought to know enough not to send in wildly optimistic opinions. 'Kongwa is about 200 miles from the coast from Zanzibar. For seven months of the year it is dry, brick-hard, and for the other five, during the rains, it suffers from heavy compaction. That's a technical term we use. It means that the ground rolls up into heavy, soggy lumps. It is ploughed during the dry season, and you can imagine it: a surface 12th high and the very devil to clear. The cutting parts of the tractors are tried buckled in seven hours. Two years later two Manchester companies were still searching for something which would stand up to the Kongwa soil."

"Meanwhile the pioneers were ploughing on using armoured metal from old Desert tanks. The best these would do was 25 hours and then back to Headquarters where there were never more than 200 machines under repair."

"You don't need me to emphasise the confusion and loss all this caused. The United Africa Company, as you know, ran the show. Government agents for the first 16 months, and no expense spared. Local sub-contractors made a fortune. The natives watched a trifle sardonically."

"I won't bore you with a lot of figures about costs and losses. They're all right in a White Paper, but let's take the thing from a common-sense point of view."

Natives Know

"During the war we were asked to encourage the native farmers to grow more groundnuts. As part of my job to go from village to village impressing on the elders to get each family to produce just that little bit more."

"And so did all the other District Officers in areas where they knew groundnuts grew naturally. 'The natives were told they would be paid 19s. a donkey-load, which works out around \$20 a ton. Now the natives have a partiality for Raleigh bicycles (for some other brand would do) and Manchester cotton cloth (the gamier the better)."

"Every donkey-load meant two yards of cloth or twenty loads equalled one bicycle. The native thought this a very good thing for producing the one item he really knows how to grow."

"So on a private enterprise basis, quite unplanned, hundreds of thousands of tons of shelled groundnuts poured into the railhead collecting depot at Kano, which is really the centre of the best groundnut country in British Africa. It is roughly 2,000 miles from Kongwa as the crow flies."

Stock Invested

"Unfortunately, owing to appalling official blunders, no adequate arrangements were made for transporting this accumulation to the coast. The 700 miles single track railway to the coast is barely enough for the ordinary needs of the sultans. So much the better. Their recommendations will strengthen the position of the State Department vis-à-vis Congressional critics. These consultations are independent of the specialised study of the whole Far East problem by the small group headed by Dr. Jessup."

"The Commonwealth decision stops short of the date. There are hints that it will be somewhere about the end of January. That ought to give the United States enough time to make its own decision too. A solid phalanx is more effective than broken ranks. One consideration is supreme. The Western Powers may be able to influence events from inside China. We are almost certain they will. But it is even more certain they won't be able to do so as spectators from the outside. That would merely give the decision to Moscow by default."

Trees As "Sponges"

"Trees—indeed any kind of vegetation—act as a 'sponge' which conserves their water supply, they say."

"So nowadays the benefit of rain is less lasting from the distillers' point of view. From bare hillsides it runs off too quickly."

"A much more generous supplier is a fall of mountain-top snow which will take its time to melt."

"That's why distillers greeted neighbours with a hearty 'Fine day, when last week's cold snap set the rest of us shivering and brought the snow-cap down from the Cairngorms to Ben Rinn and smaller neighbours."

"With the temperature down and the streams up, they knew that



country, and I know that today the backlog of unshipped groundnuts, with this year's crop still coming in, is half a million tons. 'I dare say you saw something about this in the papers. The stock has become infested with beetles. In a panic the Government hastily called together a pest-investigation unit but they are fighting a losing battle, and hundreds of tons of groundnuts are daily being condemned. 'Meanwhile, of course, the Hausa peasant, blissfully unaware of Mr. Strachey's activities, is busily putting in overtime in the hopes of a Raleigh bicycle—and adding to the confusion. 'But the point I'd like to make is that the natives are producing a lot more groundnuts than Strachey's folly at an unimpeachable cost."

The man from Africa got busy on the back of an envelope. 'I'm not much of a mathematician, but I reckon the natives have produced at 1/700th of the cost of Strachey's mad-hat scheme. And now nearly all he produces is being attacked by pests. It's tragic and pathetic."

Is Too Big

"One of the main troubles at Kongwa, of course, has been that the whole thing is too big. Why was there no pilot scheme, for instance? They just bashed in. I wanted to be spectacular. I wanted them talking about fertilisers in a quantity equal to the whole consumption of Europe for a year. Naturally there wasn't a chance of them getting it."

"Then, again, they talked about African Labour, like that, with a capital A, and a capital L. Well, of course, there's no such thing."

WHISKY GALORE--BUT THERE ARE SOME SNAGS

By **GEORGE INGLIS**

Danny, the lumberjack, who spent the war years on Speyside, would be astonished if you told him that he had a hand in slowing down this year's production of "Scotch."

Back in his native Newfound-land, he would grin and protest that surely a few nips he drank did not make all that difference. But it was with saw and axe, not in his leisure time, that the damage was done.

To get the explanation think first not of whisky but of water. It is the life-blood of the distilling business—water "in thousands and thousands of gallons, for steeping the barley, for preparing the mash, for the important cooling process when the pure spirit rises from the stills in vapour form."

Some of it is piped straight from tumbling mountain streams, some collected in dams from deep hillside springs.

In the mid October which followed this year's dry summer some of these dams were often empty. Most Speyside distilleries just managed to get by, but a few had not enough water to keep up full production in the opening weeks of their working season.

Old hands in the distilling country maintain that such shortage would have been less likely if the countryside had still had the hundreds of acres of woodland which Danny and his comrades felled during the two world wars.

Look Back

To begin with, keep in mind that the whisky ready for drinking now is not the amount being turned out by the distilleries, but the amount which has matured enough to be with-drawn from the bond warehouses.

Three years is the minimum laid down for the maturing process, but any self-respecting distiller will tell you that he does not like a connoisseur's verdict to be passed on his product at anything under eight to 10 years. Under normal conditions that is the age at which most of the spirit is blended and bottled.

In 1938, warehouse stocks amounted to just under 150,000,000 gallons. Today they are in the region of 104,000,000 gallons. By the end of the 1950-51 season they should be almost back at pre-war level.

But how much of that will be whisky at its best? For a clue to the answer look back to the three distilling seasons from which whisky would be eight, nine or 10 years old in 1952.

Distillery output in 1941-42—3,400,000 gallons; in the following two years adding at all. Compare these figures with more than 29,000,000 gallons per season before the war!

Some experts in the trade think there should be enough for everyone by about four years from now.

What share the home consumer will be allowed of the whisky then available is another matter. Snag Number Two, from his point of view, is whisky's proud place as Scotland's most valuable dollar-earner.

At present it is coming out of bond at the rate of 11,000,000 gallons a year. Of that the home

market gets only 2,000,000 gallons, compared with the \$500,000 gallons which it absorbed before the war.

How much longer must whisky be mobilised as Scotland's chief-tain in the Battle of the Dollar Gap? How far and how fast can the American market be pushed at present prices?

It is around questions like these that any doubts arise about the future of the Scotch drapery of the "Auld Kirk" and the Sassenach's "Scotch". The distiller is already delivering the goods.

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Good Morning!

The Russians claim to have discovered three new planets that move around the sun but appear only dimly.
Spose they don't mean satellites?

A Filipino politician is coming here for a rest.
No—you read it right the first time.

A passenger slapped the face of a sarcastic bus-conductor.
He struck while the irony was hot.

"Look for the Silver Lining."
"It will be shining in Technicolor."

"At Theatre"
"And Theatre."
Any prize if I find it?

According to a contemporary, Princess Margaret is not afraid to kick up her heels "in a gay high and fling."

As we would say on the China coast: Hu Fung Wat!

The restrained public.
"At the same time he is showing some landscape and still lives."

"Sir Pryce—Loveden Pryce—Saunders has changed his name to Sir Pryce Saunders-Bryce."
Does this mean a rise in Pryce?

I rather like the story of the Soviet town which decided to erect a monument to the greatest Russian poet, Pushkin.
Prizes were promised to sculptors, and a considerable number of ideas and sketches arrived at the town hall. They showed Pushkin standing, sitting, leaning, speaking, even sleeping.
The first prize was given to a sculptor who designed a huge statue of Stalin, reading a book by Pushkin.

Women are poor losers, says Myrtle's grandfather, especially when trying to reduce.

Britain, says a contemporary, has become the "problem country" of Europe, discussed everywhere with puzzlement, anxiety and growing irritation.
Puzzlement and growing irritation is right.

"What would you call a person who collects all kinds of insects?" asks a youthful correspondent.
A picnicker.

It was Mark Twain who defined good breeding as the ability to conceal how much we think of ourselves and how little of the other person.

Man at party, turning to wife: "That reminds me of a very funny story—will you take it from there, dear?"



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EMPIRE RECOGNITION OF PEKING HASTENED

India Takes Lead In Exchanges On Issue NEW DELHI MAY ACT ALONE

London, November 20.

Recognition of the Chinese Communist government by the Commonwealth countries is believed to have been hastened by the recent talk here between the Commonwealth High Commissioners and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Through diplomatic channels the Western Allies most directly interested in the China problem—the United States, Britain, France and Holland—continue to exchange views with the aim of co-ordinating policy on recognition.

The lead towards an early recognition at the Commonwealth meeting in London was taken by India, according to a usually well-informed source.

TALKS ON ATOMIC ENERGY

Frankfurt, November 20.

A secret conference on atomic energy will be held in Germany late this month by U.S. army leaders in Germany and atomic experts from the Army Department. U.S. Army officials disclosed today.

The conference will be held in Heidelberg, European headquarters of the Army, on November 30 and December 1.

The atomic experts will bring the Army's high command in Germany up to date on atomic energy development. Army officials told the Associated Press.

They have not been advised who will make up the atomic group from Washington.

There is no plan for the conference to discuss tactical or strategic problems in relation to the atomic bomb, said officials.

They denied a published report that an atomic energy school will be set up in Germany by the Army.

"No such school exists now and none is contemplated," they said.

—Associated Press.

Peking To Protest To MacArthur

Moscow, November 20.

The Pan-Asiatic Trade Union Conference in Peking has decided to protest to General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, against the refusal of permission for Japanese delegates to attend the conference, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported from Peking, capital of China's People's Republic.

The protest decision was taken on the proposal of Mr. Abdullah Dipo, a West African representative.

A Persian delegate told the conference that over 10,000 people were now in Persian prisons and detention camps, Tass added.

The delegate said that in the last two or three years 15,000 democrats had been killed in Persia, where Anglo-American "imperialists" had established a Fascist regime.

Several thousand leading trade unionists and members of the Turkish Party had been arrested, and 13 had been condemned to death, the Persian representative declared.—Reuter.

PARIS MURDER OF BRITON

Paris, November 20.

The three young French Servicemen who are accused of killing Australian-born Edward de Muralt, have been charged with voluntary homicide and qualified robbery.

De Muralt, Paris representative of the Federation of British Industries, was found battered to death in his car last Tuesday morning.

The three men charged yesterday were Jean Guisot, 18, Jean Lanthier, 19, and Andre Faury, 21.

In a brief private appearance before the Examining Magistrate, defence lawyers were assigned to them. The men were then remanded in custody being transferred to the Sante Prison.

The charge of "voluntary homicide" allows the Court to find a verdict either of murder or of manslaughter.—Reuter.

Britain Urged To Act

London, November 20.

The "Daily Telegraph" comments that in Anglo-American discussion of a Japanese peace treaty the decisive voice must inevitably be that of the United States, as she bore the greatest burden in the Far Eastern war.

The treaty and recognition of Communist China will certainly be considered in coming conferences, says the paper, and urges Britain to act in concert with the Commonwealth and U.S. Governments on Chinese recognition, but added:

"Great Britain still has large interests in China which cannot be looked after as things are now, and there is no advantage to be gained from unduly postponing the formal recognition of Chinese Communist triumph."

—Associated Press.

JESSUP'S REPORT ON FAR EAST

Washington, November 20.

It was disclosed today that the Ambassador at large, Philip Jessup, will start drafting his report on United States Far Eastern policy when he returns from the forthcoming American diplomatic conference at Bangkok.

The State Department spokesman, Michael McDermott, said work on the report, which will guide American diplomats in framing new Far Eastern policy, will be all but suspended during Dr. Jessup's absence.

Dr. Raymond M. Fosdick and Dr. Everett Case have been co-operating with Dr. Jessup in collecting material for the report. They have discussed with hundreds of people the question of American policy in the Far East now that China is conceded to the Communists.

Mr. McDermott said the three men talked to everyone who could possibly throw light on the subject, including such men as General George Marshall and Mr. Harold Stassen, the Republican politician.

Based on these conversations and on their own investigations, the report of Dr. Jessup and his colleagues will recommend a "positive" Far Eastern policy for the United States.

Dr. Jessup will meet senior United States diplomats in the Far East in Bangkok in January. He will also visit Japan, India and Pakistan, and possibly other Far Eastern areas.—United Press.

NW AIRLINES AND CHINA

Seattle, November 20.

Donald King of the North-West Airlines is on his way back to China to resume negotiations with the Communists but is expected to be reached until the Communists release the U.S. Consul-General, Mr. Angus Ward, at Mukden.

Mr. King spent a week conferring with U.S. State Department officials. He said the Department does not object to his resuming talks for North-West Airlines' operations in China but he understands no agreement with Communist China is possible while Mr. Ward is held.

Mr. King is Vice-President of the lines' Orient service.—Associated Press.

WASHINGTON TALKS ON U.S. CHINA POLICY

Washington, November 20.

U.S. State Department officials disclosed today that the former Secretary of State, Mr. George C. Marshall, Mr. Harold Stassen, and other non-Governmental American leaders have been called in to help find answers to the Chinese Communist upheaval.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Stassen were among a group of 25 who participated in a recent three-day session behind closed doors.

The conference was called to aid the work of shaping a revision of American policy. This revised policy is apparently in its final stages of formulation.

Among the questions put to the group by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, were what to do about recognizing the Communist government of China and halting the advance of Communism through the rest of the Orient. Their views were not disclosed.

Government officials said their suggestions were taken fully into account by those involved in shaping America's China policy.

The State Department has had frequent meetings with representatives or organizations concerned with foreign policy in the last five years. But calling in leading Americans for advice on a specific policy while it is in a formative stage is new.

In addition, a three-day conference under the direction of Mr. Francis M. Russell, Director of the Department's Office of Public Affairs, on means of strengthening the United Nations was concluded on Saturday at the State Department.

Frank Statements

The China meeting was held on October 6 to 8. Aside from Mr. Marshall and Mr. Stassen, those

PERSIAN RIOTING SEQUEL

Teheran, November 20.

The Persian Supreme Military Court has sentenced six people to death for their responsibility in the beating to death of four election officers in election riots last month, according to an announcement of its "final verdict" issued here by the Court.

Three people received sentences of four years' hard labour and eight sentences of three years' hard labour. One defendant was declared to be insane and 34 were released.

The charges arose out of rioting in the Lar area of the Southern province of Fars during last month's general election, in which four members of the local election committee were beaten to death.

Teheran police today arrested Javad Gholamreza, a member of the Moslem organisation, Fardayan Islam, alleged to have circulated pamphlets after the assassination of the Court Minister, Abdul Hussain Hahzir, a fortnight ago.

Hossein Enami, another member of the organisation, was publicly hanged for the assassination.

Pamphlets circulated in Teheran afterwards said that Hahzir went to hell and Amami to heaven.—Reuter.

Albanian Recognition Of Peking

London, November 20.

Albania announced today it is establishing diplomatic relations with the Communist regime in China.

The Tirana Radio said the Albanian Premier, Enver Hoxha, sent a message to the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, saying:

"The Government of the People's Republic of Albania is convinced that diplomatic relations between our countries, which will lead to ever closer friendly relations between our two peoples, will contribute to the consolidation of the camp of Democracy and Socialism and to intensification of the common struggle for peace of our camp, headed by the USSR, the greatest and dearest friend of our people and of the entire mankind."

Russia and her Communist neighbours had previously announced recognition of the Chinese Communist government.—Associated Press.

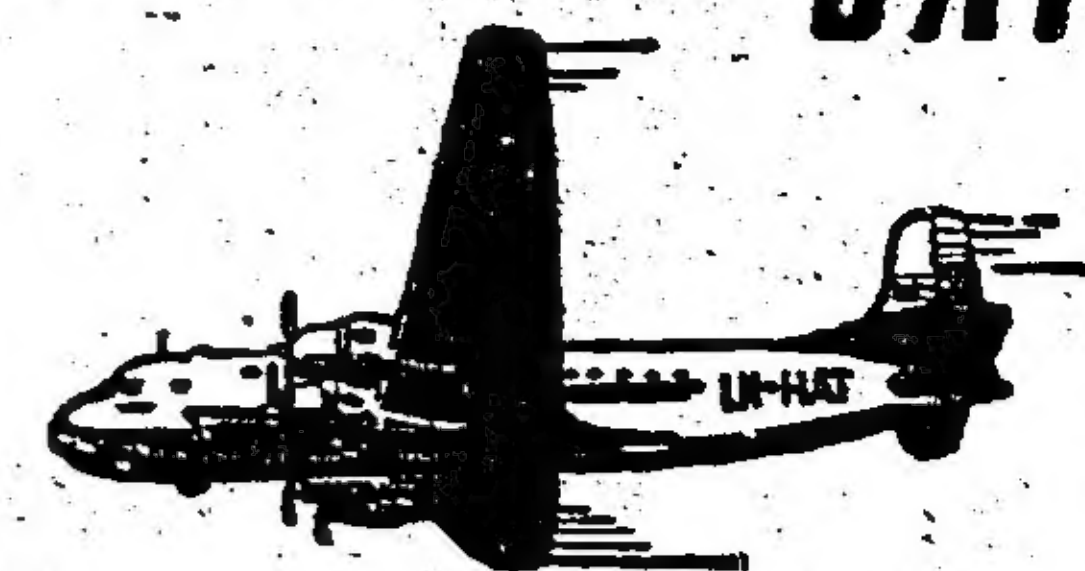
MAO'S MESSAGE

San Francisco, November 20.

The Peking radio said today that Mao Tse-tung yesterday sent the following reply to the staff of the National Resources Commission in Hong Kong who recently broke with the Nationalist Government.

"I am glad to receive your telegram of the 14th. I hope you will unite and uphold your patriotic stand to protect the property of the motherland and await taking over by the Central People's Government." — United Press.

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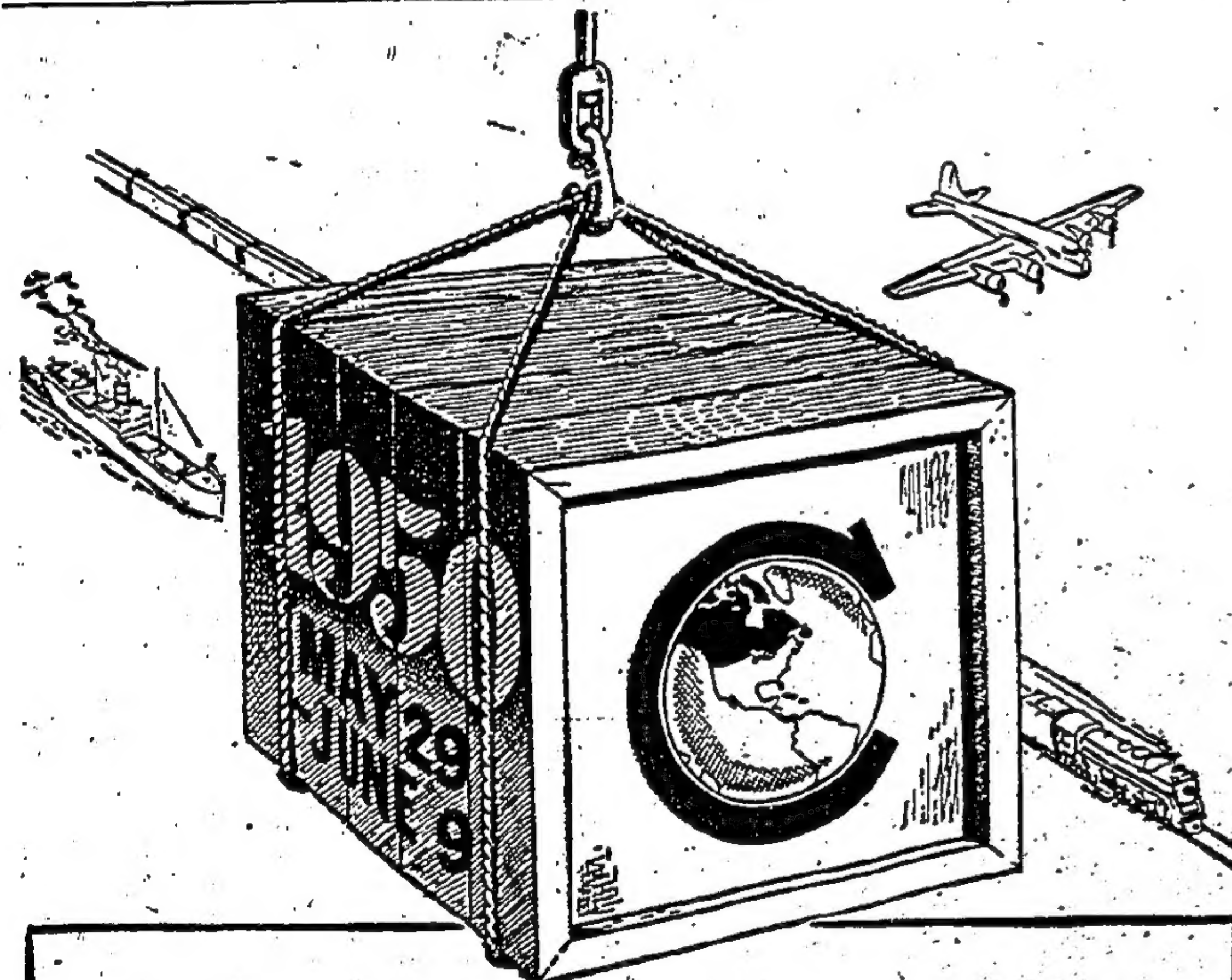
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TUC TO ASK "GO SLOW" IN WAGE DEMANDS

London, November 20.

The Trades Union Congress will ask its 8,000,000 members, to accept a rigorous restraint in wage demands for a period which will enable this country to make an economic recovery. Mr. Arthur Deakin, the General Secretary of the powerful Transport and General Workers Union, forecast this tonight.

DARTMOOR FANCIERS ANNOYED

London, November 20.

Indignant Dartmoor pony fanciers will take steps in Parliament this week to ensure that the recently reported scheme to turn loose 1,600 Canadian "Wild West" ponies in the area does not interfere with the breeding of the Dartmoor strain. The Dartmoor Pony Society, which exists for the protection of the shaggy little wild ponies which roam the moors in the South West of England, have arranged for a question to be asked in the House of Commons next Thursday.

They are anxious over reports that cowboy Robert Howson, who recently arrived here from Canada, is "importing" Canadian horses to "revive the Dartmoor breed."

Squadron Leader Sir Gifford Fox, Conservative Member, will suggest in Parliament that import licences for the Canadian horses be withheld pending consultations. Residents on Dartmoor have asked whether the area is to become a breeding ground for horse meat.—Reuter.

BEACON TRAGEDY

Paris, November 20.

The body of Marcel Petit—the "man on the beacon"—was washed up on a rocky stretch of coast near Cherbourg today. Petit went duck shooting on November 11, climbed on to the beacon 400 yards off Cherbourg, and was stranded on it throughout a storm. Three days later a rescue party found it empty. It was believed that Petit had made a desperate bid to swim ashore.—Reuter.

Boys' Reign Of Terror

Vienna, November 20.

The police authorities believe that they have ended a "reign of terror" in three city districts here with the arrests of six 12-year-old boys. Police psychologists said that "just for fun" the boys had: fired several buildings trying out a stolen cigarette lighter; burgled "many" homes; cut receivers from more than 200 telephone kiosks as revenge for the State's failure to find an apartment for one of the boy's parents; destroyed "many thousands" of Dutch tulip bulbs in city parks; stolen a large quantity of bottled beer and emptied it to sell the bottles when they found they did not like the taste of the beer.

The ringleader was sent to a special school. The remaining five were handed over to their parents for punishment.—Reuter.

LONG TREK BY REFUGEES

Bonn, November 20.

A group of 31 drab and weary German refugees from the Soviet Zone arrived here tonight after an eight-day march from Giessen in the American Zone, about 75 miles away.

The refugees will protest to the Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, against the refusal of the West German authorities to house them in a refugee camp and ask him for asylum.

The group, carrying a rain-washed banner saying "We Want To See Dr. Adenauer," included eight women, three children and a one-legged man.

The refugees said that they had fled the Soviet Zone because they were forced to work under "inhuman conditions" in the Russian-operated uranium mines at Aue, Saxony.

"We come from Aue; we do not want to die," they declared. German police here reported that the refugees were staying the night in a wartime bomb shelter.

The authorities at Giessen had refused to admit the refugees because they entered Western Germany illegally. A similar group of refugees from the Soviet Zone, who started on a 180-mile protest march to Bonn 15 days ago following the refusal of the West German authorities to house them in a refugee camp at Uelzen, near Hannover, are reported still on their way to Bonn.—Reuter.

Answer Will Be Found

Mr. Deakin said that he did not accept the term "wage freezing" as a description of the policy advocated.

"What we say is that, on the basis of present production, wages and salaries generally should not be increased, but if there is an increase in productivity there is nothing to prevent wage increases being given—in fact they should be given."

He also said that the standards of living of some of the lower paid workers must be dealt with. He suggested that, despite the effects of devaluation would not mean a substantial increase in the cost of living.

"I am sure that if British workers are true to themselves and respond to the appeal to exercise restraint and improve efficiency, we shall find the answer to our difficulties."—Reuter.

Actors In Passion Play



These are some of the actors in the 1950 edition of the Oberammergau Passion Play. The play, portraying the last days of Jesus, gives thanks for the deliverance of Oberammergau village, in Bavaria, from a plague which swept the country in 1565. It was first performed in 1664 and then at intervals of 10 years until 1934. This is the first performance since then. Left to right row: Anton Preisinger, playing Jesus. He owns a hotel in Oberammergau; Annemie Mayr, 20, playing the Virgin Mary; Gabriele Gropper, 24, playing Mary Magdalene; Hans Schweighofer, a wood-carver, playing Judas; Bottom row, left to right: Benedikt Stueckl, 26, who works in Preisinger's hotel, playing Calaphas High Priest of the Jews; Melchior Brettsamer, 50, lumber mill worker, playing Pontius Pilate; Martin Magold, 24, farmer, playing St. John; Hugo Rutz, 65, blacksmith, playing St. Peter. (Associated Press Photo.)

RUSSIA INCREASING TROOPS IN ALBANIA

Belgrade, November 20.

Responsible non-Yugoslav sources reported today that Russia has increased substantially the number of Soviet military men stationed in Albania.

While an exact estimate of Soviet forces now there is unobtainable, the figure of between 12,000 and 15,000 is mentioned—more than twice the number four months ago.

Apparently authentic reports reaching Belgrade indicate they are largely technicians. Red Army officers skilled in guerrilla warfare and military experts to help train Albania's forces.

The purpose of the move remains uncertain. It could be more of the so-called "rattling of arms" which Communist countries have been conducting against Yugoslavia in recent months as part of the war of nerves to overthrow the Tito Government.

"Or—much more dangerous to the Balkans—uneasy peace—it could be a carefully plotted, Russian-promoted preliminary for extensive guerrilla hit and run warfare against Yugoslavia."

The reason behind such tactics is obviously a move to goad Marshal Tito into retaliation and thus provide Moscow with an excuse for open military aid of Albania with whom Russia has a treaty of friendship and help.

Alone, Albania would be an easy opponent for Marshal Tito's highly trained troops, probably the most powerful army—aside from that of Russia—on the European Continent. But there are other factors involved.

Tito Cautious

One is the fact that Albania has given shelter to thousands of Greek guerrilla troops who were driven over the border. Although unconfirmed, reports, not rumors, claim that many of these are being re-equipped with Russian arms for possible activity against Yugoslavia.

Another is the possibility that any intensive guerrilla activity on the Albania border might force Marshal Tito to draw off substantial number of troops now guarding borders against communist patrol incursions, sabotage and espionage.

Thirdly, Marshal Tito, despite more than a score of provocations, has guarded thus far against giving Russia open excuse to move in with force. There is every reason to believe he will follow a defensive policy in the Albania affair for the same reason.—Associated Press.

HUNGER STRIKE IN CHURCH

Rome, November 20.

More than 100 unemployed, mostly women, on a hunger strike in a church near Pescara, on Italy's East coast, declared today that they would not leave for fear of the police.

They were staging one of many demonstrations reported today in various parts of the country by unemployed and strikers. All post, telegraph and telephone employees continued a "go slow" strike which was started last week and based on a literal application of the myriad regulations issued by the Ministry which employs them.

They are claiming wage increases, and have threatened a total strike beginning on Wednesday evening if their demands are not met.

Official but incomplete figures today gave Italy's unemployed as numbering 1,760,000 representing a 21 per cent. decrease since January this year.—Reuter.

Prague Claims A Victory

Prague, November 20.

The Czechoslovak Minister of the Interior, M. Václav Nosek, in a speech today, said: "The hostile Catholic hierarchy has lost the struggle against the State and the people's democratic regime."

"All priests have received salaries from State funds since November 1 and only one single priest has returned his. The Government are firmly resolved not to permit that the Church hierarchy and the Vatican should be able to endanger the people's democracy and the building of socialism."

New Czech laws for administering the Church came into force on November 1.

The Minister said that the Government was awaiting the outcome of a conference of Catholic bishops. He gave no details of the conference and the Church has issued no announcement but it is believed that the Bishops are considering their position under the new Church law and the decrees issued since it came into effect.—Reuter.

Surreys In Athens Ceremony

Athens, November 20.

The Commanding Officer of the First Battalion East Surreys, laid a wreath on the Unknown Warrior's tomb in Athens today during a ceremony marking the forthcoming departure of British troops from Greece.

The Battalion was inspected by the King of Greece and later he took the salute at a march past. Thousands of people cheered the Battalion when it marched through Athens' main streets.

The Athens Press today expressed the feelings of the Greek people and their gratitude for the help British troops have given to the country.

Newspapers expressed their firm belief in the friendship between the two nations.—Associated Press.

PERSIA KEEPING OUT OF BLOCS

Teheran, November 20.

The Persian Foreign Minister, Ali Asgar Ekbatani, said here today that the Shah of Persia, now visiting the United States, will not discuss there the formation of political blocs favouring one or against another.

Economic help for Persia, however, from the United States would greatly contribute to world peace, he added.

Referring to Persia's recognition of Israel, Ali Asgar Ekbatani said: "Persia will refrain from recognising any government which is contrary to Moslem interests."—Reuter.

CALL BY CINEMA UNION

London, November 20.

Britain's leading film workers' union today called for a chain of Government-owned cinemas and a State film distribution corporation to solve the present film crisis.

A resolution passed by a meeting of the members of the Association of Cinematograph and Allied Technicians also demanded the requisitioning by the Government of all idle studio space for the production of State-aided films.

The resolution asked the Government to probe into the distribution of box office receipts between exhibitors, producers and entertainers' tax.

Britain's film crisis, which has made thousands of film and cinema workers idle and which recently reduced film production to a trickle, was highlighted earlier this month by an announcement of a \$3,350,000 loss on film production by the "film king," Mr. J. Arthur Rank.

Mr. George Elvin, General Secretary of the Union, said at today's meeting it was an "national disgrace that any dollar-earning or dollar-saving industry should be working below full capacity."

The British film industry is working at least 40 per cent below par. "Except for the Soviet Union and countries in the Eastern bloc, Hollywood dominates the cinemas of all countries except for Greenland, which has avoided domination by the simple device of having no cinemas," Mr. Elvin declared.

Mr. Thomas O'Brien, of the Association, said: "Every one in the industry has overlooked the unpleasant fact that British cinema-goers prefer in general American films to British films, and refuse to see British films they do not like."

"Only with Government help can the industry recover its equilibrium."—Reuter.

New State Of Pushtoon

Kabul, November 20.

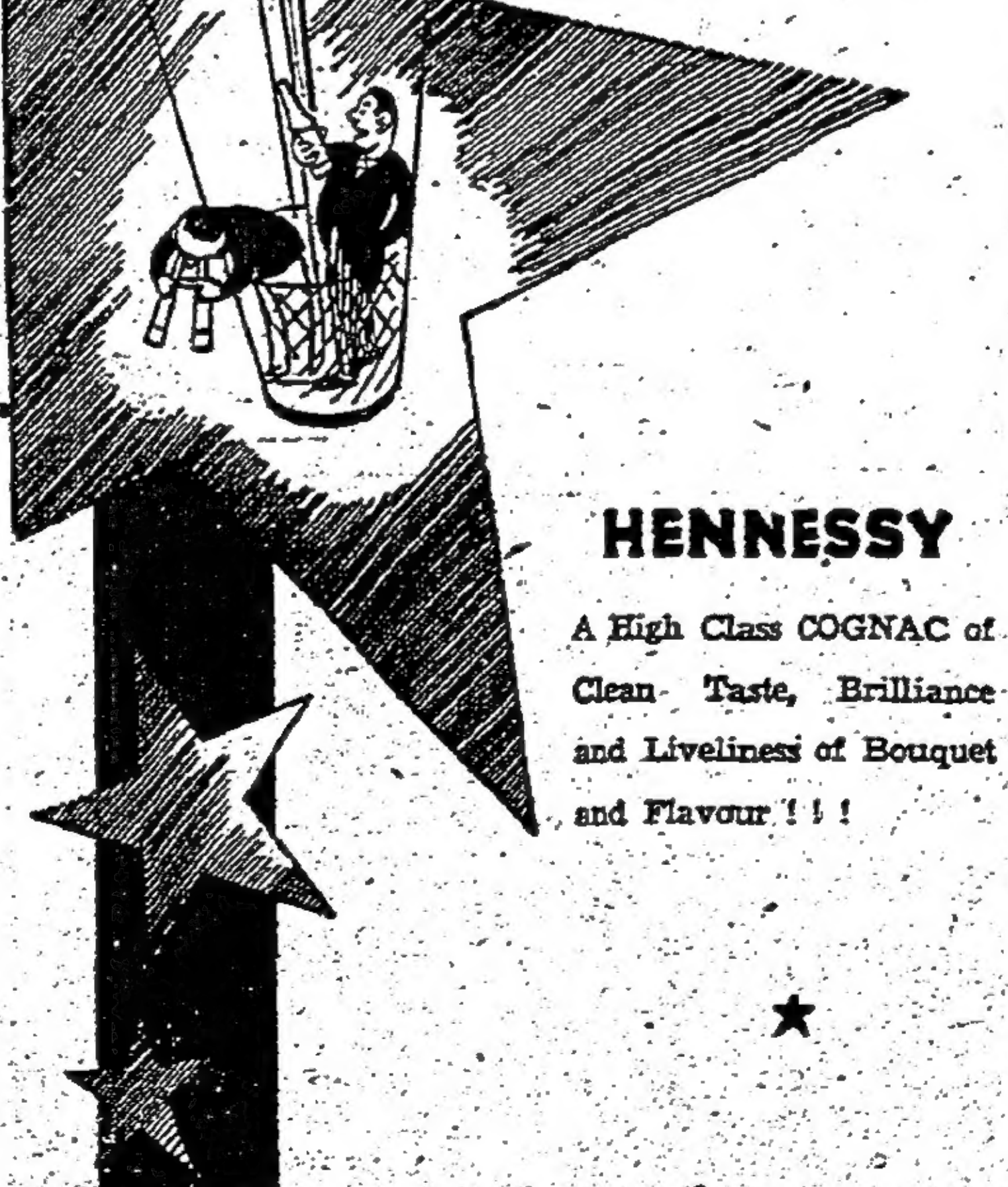
The establishment of an "independent nation" of Pushtoonistan, on Afghanistan's Eastern border, is being acclaimed here by Press and Radio.

According to Afghan reports, representatives of the Afridi Pathans, tough tribesmen of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border area, met at a mosque in Tirah Bagh, just South of historic Khyber Pass, and elected a Parliament to act as the government of the new country.

This is the latest of a long series of incidents that produced strained relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Afghans have been pressing for the independence of the Pathan tribes and calling for the creation of a new country for these warriors. Pakistan, on the other hand, considers the Pathan area an integral part of its own national state.

The Afghan Government says members of all the Afridi clans were present at the Tirah convention and that a constitution was drawn up.—Associated Press.

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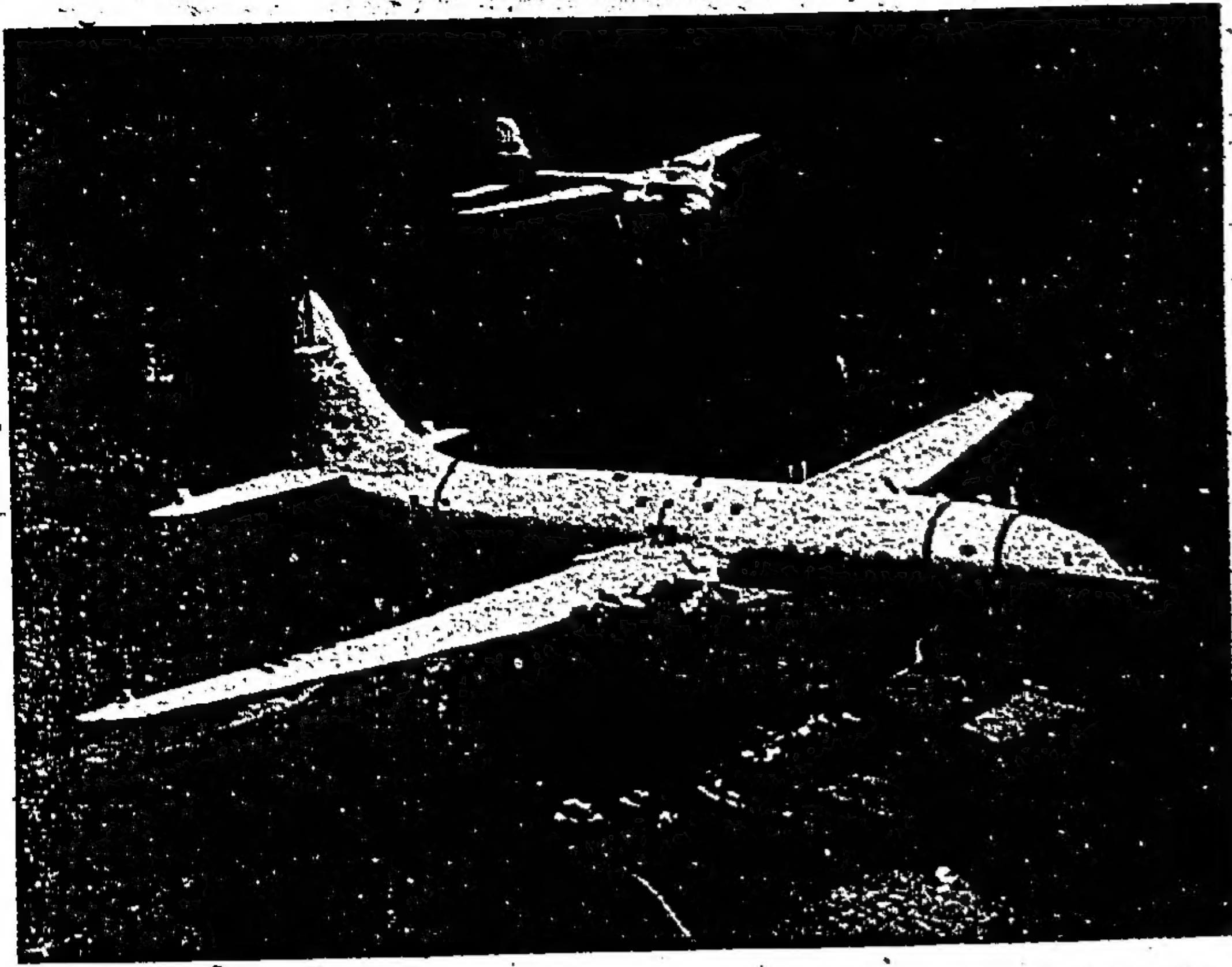
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Bristol 'Brabazon' In Flight



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PRINCESS ELIZABETH IN MALTA ON HOLIDAY

Valetta, November 20.

Princess Elizabeth was met by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, when she arrived here today by air from London to join him on the second anniversary of their wedding.

The Duke was the first to board her plane, a Viking of the King's Flight which had flown from London Airport. He was followed by his uncle, Vice-Admiral Earl Mountbatten.

Countess Mountbatten had travelled with Princess Elizabeth. Also accompanying the Princess were Lady Alice Egerton, a Lady-in-Waiting, and an equestrian, Lieutenant Michael Parker.

The journey was broken by a 70-minute halt for lunch at Nice, Southern France.

The Princess's plane was preceded by another Viking carrying her baggage with a footman, valet and stenographer. This landed here after what the crew described as a moderate trip.

It is Princess Elizabeth's first visit to the George Cross Island of Malta.

It will also be the first time that any heir to the British Throne has lived for some weeks in any part of the Colonial Empire.

Greeted By Governor

The Royal plane with the Princess aboard arrived here precisely on the signalled time. When its landing lights could be seen from the airfield the Duke of Edinburgh—a First Lieutenant in the destroyer Chequers—and Lord Mountbatten stepped forward from a group of Service and civil chiefs.

As the Viking taxied to a standstill with the Princess's Standard fluttering in a fresh, South West breeze, she could be seen peering from a window.

The Duke of Edinburgh was with the Princess in the plane for a short time before emerging to introduce her to Sir Gerald Cressy, Governor of Malta, who had risen from a sick bed for the occasion.

After smiling at photographers, the couple walked to meet the Service chiefs, the Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Boffa, the Archbishop of Malta, and others waiting to welcome the Princess.

Russians Discover New Planets

Moscow, November 20. Soviet astronomers this year have discovered three small new planets which they have named Russia, Moscow and Komsomolsk.

The official Soviet news agency, Tass, added today that these discoveries bring to 113 the number of small planets discovered by Soviet astronomers.

The agency said that the three new planets, sought for 150 years ago, move around the sun in orbits between Mars and Jupiter and appear as dim stars.

(The name Komsomolsk is taken from the Russian for young Communist).—Reuter.

B29 CRASH SURVIVORS' STORIES

Hamilton, Bermuda, November 20.

The Canadian destroyer Haida steamed into St. George's Harbour today with 18 United States Air Force men snatched from death in the Atlantic.

The bodies of two men remained with the wreckage of the B29 Superfortress which went down in the Atlantic North West of Bermuda on Wednesday.

Two crash boats went out to meet the Haida as it steamed into the harbour. Then the Haida anchored in the harbour, medical personnel from Kindley Field boarded her and the work of taking ashore the 18 survivors was started at once. Some were taken ashore on stretchers in view of their weakened condition. They were all taken to Kindley base hospital for physical check-ups.

Captain Joseph Petrosino, 29, navigator of the lost B-29, was the first to step ashore from the crash boat which took survivors aboard. A cheer went up from the huge crowd as he leaped to the dock, in excellent shape despite his ordeal.

"How was it?" shouted a reporter.

"Terrible," he shouted back. "Fourteen of the rescued men were able to climb down from the destroyer's deck to the crash boat. The other four were lifted on stretchers. Their faces were drawn and haggard and they appeared to be in pain. One is in a serious condition."

The 14 men able to walk were suffering from salt burns, bruises and exposure.

Speaking of their experience, the men remembered how planes after planes went over their raft. Some they saw and some they merely heard. They kept on thinking and praying. They argued for more space on their cramped little rafts. They cranked the water-distilling apparatus. One man said: "As soon as we would see a plane we would start praying."

The men's feet started swelling. They could tell little except that it was all a nightmare. The sun never shone the whole of the three days. Most of them scuttled their heavy shoes on the second day. The shoes were ripping the skin from their salt-burned feet.

It was on the second night that one raft overturned twice and miraculously all were saved. Next day—Friday—it turned over again and again all clambered back. Some who did not take their shoes off with the others tried to do so now. One man could not get his off at all; his feet were so swollen.

The men came ashore today to the cheers of crews of other planes who clapped their friends on the back and pumped their hands. The survivors smiled and nodded and one of the friend on the dock said: "Boy, am I glad to see you!"—United Press.

Kashmir Minister's Accusation

Cairo, November 20.

Sardar Mohammed Ibrahim Khan, President of the Azad (Free) Kashmir Government, said here today that the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, had "thwarted all attempts" by the United Nations Commission to mediate in the Kashmir dispute.

He asserted that Pandit Nehru "spurned the suggestion of President Truman and Mr. Clement Attlee, the British Prime Minister, for arbitration by bringing in irrelevant issues."

Appealing for sympathy from the leaders and people of Egypt in a struggle "for the fundamental human right of self-determination," he said that the "inter-dependence" of Kashmir and Pakistan was similar to that of Egypt and the Sudan.

Ibrahim Khan is leaving for London tomorrow on his way to Lake Success, where the Kashmir dispute is to be discussed in the Security Council before the end of the month.—Reuter.

LEGION CALLS FOR FORCE

Washington, November 20.

National Commander George N. Craig of the American Legion called on the Government to use the Armed Forces, if necessary, to obtain the release of the American Consul-General, Angus Ward, held prisoner by Chinese Communists.

Commander Craig issued a statement saying the United States stands ridiculed before the world as being unable or unwilling to protect its own embassies.

"The American Legion," he said, "calls upon the Government to serve notice on Communist leaders in China that the Consul-General, Mr. Ward, and his associates must be released unharmed by an early specified date, or armed forces will be dispatched to obtain their release."—Associated Press.

Bidault Cabinet Facing Threat

Paris, November 20.

A threat to M. Georges Bidault's 24-day old Coalition Cabinet developed today when the anti-Government wing of the Radical Party scored a victory at the Party's annual Congress at Toulouse.

The Radicals opposed to the Government pushed through a resolution on the last day of the Congress instructing the 48 Radical deputies in the National Assembly to vote against any "massive increase" in taxation. The Party has three Ministers in the Cabinet.

Even more resolutely opposed to higher taxes are the 38 independent Conservatives, also represented in the Bidault Cabinet, which includes Socialists, Popular Republicans, Radicals, Democrats and Socialist Resistance Union and one Independent.

This attitude of the Centre Right element of the Government was regarded here tonight as threatening a possible split in the Cabinet when the 1950 Budget is debated next month.

There is also a threat to the Government from organised labour. The cost of living has been rising again for several months and both Communist and non-Communist trade unions have ordered a "protest" general strike for next Friday, which if effective would paralyse French industry for 24 hours.

The former Radical Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, led the fight against the Government and the proposed new taxation at the Radical Congress at Toulouse.

"Paralytics"

Describing the present National Assembly as "A chamber of paralytics," M. Daladier urged his fellow Radicals to reject new taxes that the Government proposed to adopt in the 1950 Budget Bill.

The Radical Congress re-elected M. Edouard Herriot as Chairman of the Radical Party in preference to M. Daladier, but the policy it endorsed was essentially that urged by the latter. "Eighty per cent of the delegates were behind him," the Conservative paper, "Journal de Dimanche," commented.

The Radicals also instructed their deputies to insist on the Assembly adopting a Bill abolishing proportional representation in Parliamentary elections "as soon as the Budget has been passed."

This would be completely unacceptable to the Prime Minister, M. Bidault, and his Popular Republican Party.

The revolt against still higher taxes next year is widespread, both in an out of Parliament. The Council of French Employers said that the proposed new taxes meant "ruin for private enterprise and unemployment for the workers."

Most of the new taxation would fall on the shoulders of employers.—Reuter.

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SERIOUS RIOTS IN NIGERIA

Lagos, November 20.

Eighteen miners were killed and 31 others and several police injured in grave disorders which broke out in the coal mining area of Enugu about 250 miles East of here on Friday, the Nigerian Government announced tonight.

The Government statement said that the situation in the colliery at Enugu made it necessary to evacuate explosives from the mines in the interest of public safety. The police were detailed to carry out this precautionary measure.

The evacuation of dangerous explosives from the Iva Valley and Obwetti mines had begun, the Government statement said.

"Three lifts were made without interference, but in continuing the evacuation at Iva Valley mine the police were surrounded by a large number of miners armed with crow-bars, picks, hatchets and spears who rushed at the police and attempted to disarm them and obtain possession of the explosive stores."

The statement added that the officer in charge of the police endeavoured to reason with the miners but without success.

The situation became so dangerous that the police were compelled to open fire in self-defence, resulting in casualties among the miners totalling 18 men killed and 31 detained in hospital and six casualties among the police.

The statement said that no further incident had been reported since Friday.—Reuter.

Cairo, November 20. Ten were killed and 10 injured when a house collapsed in Cairo this morning.—Associated Press.

French Official In Espionage Case

Paris, November 20.

The Polish Information Bureau here today issued the text of a note from Poland to France, confirming that M. Andre Simon Robineau, a French Consulate official at the Polish port of Szczecin (Stettin) had been arrested for alleged espionage.

The Polish Government claimed to have discovered espionage activities in Poland by the French Embassy and Consulate staff, and demanded the withdrawal of two members of the Embassy.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said today that the French Ambassador in Warsaw had formally protested to Poland against M. Robineau's arrest, and that a similar protest had been made to the Polish Embassy here.

The spokesman said that the French Foreign Office was "imensely sceptical" about the alleged espionage activities.

M. Robineau's arrest was announced last night by Warsaw. The Polish note was said to have been handed to the French Ambassador in Warsaw by Dr.

Leszczek, Under-Secretary at the Polish Foreign Office.

It said that the Polish authorities had discovered "espionage activities in Poland by responsible members of the French Embassy and Consulates."

M. Robineau, the note added, had been arrested when about to take the plane for Paris and "has confessed his espionage activities and will be brought to judgment before a court of the Polish Republic."

It added that documents in Polish possession and statements by M. Robineau showed that espionage was carried on by M. Aymar de Broissin de Mere, and M. Fernandez Renaux, both of the French Embassy in Warsaw.

The Polish Government asked for the immediate withdrawal of these two diplomats from Polish territory.—Reuter.

Neutrality Party In Germany

Reimsdorf, November 20.

The "Nauheim Circle"—a group advocating neutrality between East and West—will shortly ask the East and West German Parliaments to work for the withdrawal of all occupation troops and the establishment of a neutrality status for the whole country.

Announcing this to the press here today, Professor Ulrich Woeck, leader of the group, said that formal petitions would be submitted to both Parliaments.

These would also request to ask the Western Powers to negotiate a German peace treaty with the Soviet Union.

Professor Woeck called the group's conference at the end of an informal meeting of the circle. This followed a Rhineland-Palatinate Government ban on a formal congress last week, on the ground that it threatened the "constitutional existence" of the West German State.—Reuter.

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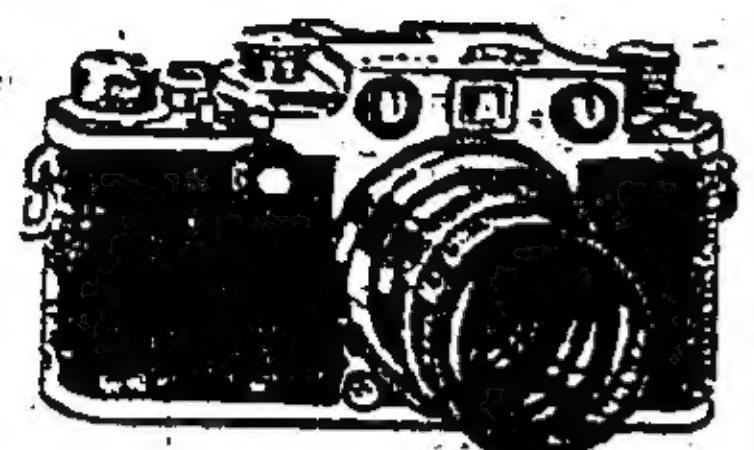
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Padre Speaks On Modern Marriage

Washington, November 20. The Reverend Bryan Green of Birmingham spoke to a capacity audience of 3,000 people at the Washington Cathedral today on the subject of Christian marriage and dealt with modern social problems in frank terms. He said that, judging from his experience as a marriage counsellor in London, the reason for the breaking up of marriages in the majority of cases was not physical infidelity but the fact that the parties to the marriage had not been sufficiently in love originally and had married too soon.

Mr. Green said the modern problem of marital relations in both the United States and

GALLANT TRIP IN ROWBOAT

Melbourne, November 20. Three fishermen in a 40-foot shark-boat today brought a three-year-old girl, dangerously ill with pneumonia, across 50 miles of rough seas from a lighthouse on lonely Deal Island to the Victorian mainland.

The child, Leila Bogan, daughter of the assistant lighthouse keeper, was rushed to hospital. Doctors are confident she will make a quick recovery. With the island cut off by heavy seas and gales in the Bass Strait, Leila had been seriously ill for four days. Fishermen who set out across the Strait when the seas moderated late yesterday afternoon reached the island by night. They made the return trip in rapid time with Leila and her mother, a trained nurse. Medical instructions on treatment were radioed to Deal Island, which soars ruggedly a 1,000 feet above sea level, on Friday night when the girl's temperature reached 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Normal link with the mainland is a monthly visit by a fishing boat with mail and stores. Suggestions that a helicopter should be used to take off the sick child had to be abandoned when it was found that the only available machine in Australia was out of order.—Reuter.

TWO QUAKES RECORDED

New York, November 20. Two fairly severe earth shocks were recorded early today by the seismograph at Fordham University. Both were plotted at a distance of 2,320 miles.—United Press.

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Mixed Marriages

In general terms, he approved the attitude of both the Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches against mixed marriages, but said some of these marriages were happy. The large audience included many hundreds of young people and Mr. Green gave them six questions as guideposts by which they might know if they were truly in love.

1. How long have you known each other?
2. In what circumstances have you known each other and been together?
3. What do you miss most when you are away from each other?
4. What common interests and background do you have?
5. Do you share common ideals?
6. Do you trust each other absolutely?

Mr. Green called on the audience for a show of hands regarding attendance at his earlier sermons. The large majority seemed to have attended. However, he said, 600-700 had not raised their hands. "If you were in England, I would think you were inhibited," he said. "But since you are Americans, I cannot conceive it."—United Press.

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American Disappears In Hungary

Vienna, November 20. Mrs. Robert A. Vogler, wife of an American employee of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, said tonight that her husband had "disappeared" in Hungary as he was about to leave for the United States. The United States Minister in Budapest, Mr. Nathaniel P. Davis, asked at the Hungarian Foreign Office on Saturday about Vogler's whereabouts and was told that inquiries would be made, she added.—Reuter.

FINNISH RED PURGE

Helsinki, November 20. The Communist Party in Finland appears to be on the verge of a purge as the Communist Central Committee urged all members to expose every spy and saboteur within the organization. The tone of the Communist Party order convinced well-informed political quarters that Communist leadership and membership in Finland is about to experience a thorough overhauling. There recently were rumours that several Finnish Communist leaders were regarded by the Communists as "traitors", although the Finnish Party is not a member of the Cominform—United Press.

BLOODLESS COUP IN PANAMA SUCCESSFUL

Panama City, November 20. The Vice-President, Mr. Robert Chiori, became President of Panama today after a bloodless coup in which Mr. Daniel Chavis was ousted from the Presidency by the police. Mr. Chavis had been in the presidential office for less than four months.

Last-minute intervention by foreign diplomats averted a threatened armed clash in the city. Mr. Chiori was sworn in as President by the Supreme Court early this morning and was immediately recognised by the rebel police. The coup was apparently precipitated by Mr. Chavis's dismissal last night of Lieutenant-Colonel Jose Antonio Remon, Chief of Police, and two other senior police officials. The police chiefs, with their supporters, defied the President and called on him to resign or "be attacked." Lieutenant-Colonel Remon was arrested at the presidential palace when he delivered the ultimatum. He had been summoned there to submit his own resignation. Meanwhile, Dr. Abilio Bellido, Minister of Justice, and three police officials appointed by Mr. Chavis had been seized when they arrived at police headquarters. Mr. Chavis termed this "an act of rebellion," adding, "I shall remain President until I am killed. I am determined that the law shall prevail regardless of what may happen." Later, Lieutenant-Colonel Remon was allowed to leave the palace with a group of presidential advisers to try to negotiate a settlement. The advisers refused to tell Mr. Chavis that he would be given until two o'clock this morning to resign. An hour before the time elapsed Dr. Chavis said that he would refuse to resign. He threatened to call on the presidential guard to fight if necessary. Shortly before the ultimatum expired representatives of the Diplomatic Corps in Panama City got in touch with police headquarters requesting an extension in an effort to avoid bloodshed. They intervened with Mr. Chavis who resigned at 4:30 this morning.

Proposal Rejected
Mr. Chiori was sworn in two hours later in the Supreme Magistrate's Court. The police were understood to have rejected a proposal made by

Mr. Chavis that he should go on "a leave of absence" instead of his unconditional resignation. During the night heavily armed detachments from the central police garrison were deployed throughout the city. They blocked the way to the presidential palace. The telephone service was suspended after 2 a.m. today. Mr. Chavis, formerly Vice-President, became provisional President on July 25 when President Diaz Arosemena was taken seriously ill. He took over the office formally after President Arosemena's death on August 23. His first act was to accept the resignation of the entire Cabinet and appoint nine new Ministers.—Reuter.

U.S. CLOSING DOWN BASES

Washington, November 20. The U.S. Navy said this week-end that 28 naval and seven marine aircraft squadrons will be decommissioned and the operating status of six air bases reduced within the next four months to save money. This will bring the attack carrier air groups down from 14 to 10, cut the number of patrol bomb squadrons from 30 to 25 and reduce Marine Corps fighter squadrons from 23 to 16.—Associated Press.



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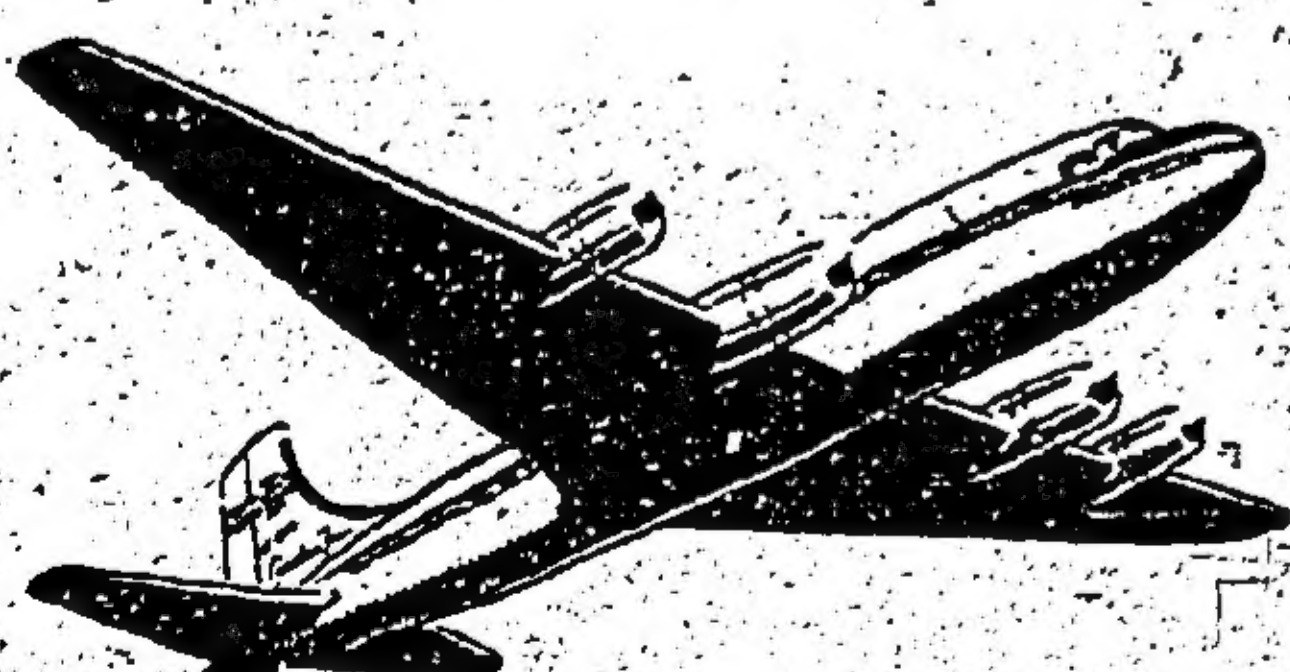
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FRANCE ANGLING FOR RECOGNITION OF THE BAO DAI REGIME

Paris, November 20.

France is starting a campaign for the active backing of Britain and the U. S. in her gamble for peace in Indo-China.

Time is pressing, for the Chinese Communist armies are nearing Indo-China's border.

There they could link with the anti-French fighters of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh. The French are playing their last card in the turbulent colony in the person of ex-Emperor Bao Dai. The French plucked him off the Riviera last Spring and set him at the head of a Government in Saigon.

Prince Bao Loc, Bao Dai's right-hand man, left Saigon this week-end to fly to the U.S. and seek official recognition of his sovereign's government.

The French gave Bao Dai his job as part of their scheme to make Indo-China "independent within the French Union." The result may some day add up to a form of government half way between a British Dominion and an old fashioned protectorate.

MacDonald Visits

The French claimed this week that Britain had taken a step toward recognising Bao Dai. This was because Mr. Malcolm MacDonald visited him and delivered the personal best wishes of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

But in the well established patterns of diplomatic manoeuvres this was still several stages removed from a formal exchange of Ambassadors.

The long-range aim of France may be semi-independence for the empire of Vietnam, but the immediate goal is the end of the three-year war with Ho Chi Minh's Vietnam Republic. This conflict has cost heavily in lives. The annual financial cost in the estimated budget for 1950 is 150,000,000,000 Francs.

The problem resembles the one Britain faced in India. In both cases a set of Oriental peoples with its own traditions has become more and more restless under the rule of Europeans who have done much to raise living standards.

No Anglo-U.S. Decision

Indo-China's nationalism crystallised in the jungle fighter Ho Chi Minh. But neither Britain nor the U.S.—despite sympathy

for aspiring colonial peoples—has ever given any sign of deciding whether Ho Chi Minh represents true nationalism or Soviet intrigue.

The new Vietnam combines the three biggest of the five Indo-Chinese states. It is a continuous coastal strip reaching from the Chinese border almost to Siam, a territory as big as Italy.

It has a population of 22,000,000 with a large majority of Annamite race and language. It includes the best ports and largest cities and normally has an exportable surplus of rice.

If Bao Dai's treaty with France is ever carried out, it will have its own Army under French command and limited low level diplomatic representation with the diplomats subject to French approval. Similar treaties, which have not yet gone into effect, have been signed by France and the two less important Indo-Chinese Kingdoms—Associated Press.

MacDonald Sees Pignon

Paris, November 20.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the British Commissioner General for South East Asia, who is touring French Indo-China with M. Leon Pignon, the French High Commissioner, had a long talk today with General Alessandri, commanding the French forces in Tonkin, according to Agency France Presse.

General Alessandri said they discussed the military and political situation in North Vietnam. He declined to say whether they dealt with French and British military co-operation in South East Asia, including facilities for supplementing the British garrison in Hong Kong.

Mr. MacDonald returned to Hanoi by way of Halphong tonight and is due to leave for Saigon tomorrow morning, but an official source said that he had asked to postpone his departure to visit the neighbourhood of Hanoi, the French agency reported.—Reuter.

Pt Leaders Coming To HK

Manila, November 21.

Vice-President-elect Ferdinand Lopez is to leave for Hong Kong on November 27 aboard the liner President Cleveland for several days' rest and relaxation.

Mr. Lopez will be accompanied by a party of nearly 30 other prominent political leaders who are also seeking a rest after the recent hectic election campaign.—United Press.

JUNIOR CHAMBER FOR HK?

A Junior Chamber of Commerce may shortly be organised in Hong Kong if sufficient support is forthcoming from young business and professional men, the "China Mail" was told yesterday.

Mr. John D. K. Ng, representing the Philippines Junior Chamber of Commerce, has arrived here from Manila to investigate the possibility of setting up a Junior Chamber in the Colony. As the Hotel Kowloon Hotel tomorrow, Mr. Ng will meet all members and former members of Junior Chambers of Commerce residing in Hong Kong. To them he will present a message from the International Board of Directors of Junior Chambers.

The meeting will take place at 1 p.m.

Junior Chambers of Commerce have been set up in 27 different countries and have a total membership of more than 500,000.

They have been formed for the civic betterment of young men in business and professional work. Mr. Ng said yesterday that the International Congress of Junior Chambers of Commerce will be held at Manila in February next year.

NO MUZZLE

A. Xavier of 64 Macdonnell Road ground floor was summoned before the J. P. Court at Central yesterday for allowing his Chow dog in the street near Calder Path on October 14.

Sub-Inspector Dewar said this was the third time that the accused had been charged in Court for allowing his dog in the streets without a muzzle. A fine of \$20 was imposed.

Rediffusion

H.K.T. A.M.	
100—Up with the Sun.	101—Setting up Exercises.
102—Musical Clock.	103—Kellogg's Breakfast Session.
104—News and Weather Forecast.	105—Music by MacDonald.
106—Morning Music.	107—Monk and Keyboard.
108—Music for All.	109—Music for All.
110—Rhythm Favourites.	111—Waltz Time.
112—Parade of Rhythm.	113—Parade of Rhythm.
114—Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	115—Light Music.
116—Swing (Relay).	117—News (Relay).
118—From the Shows.	119—Variety Calls the Tune.
120—Novelties.	121—Tropics (A Travelogue in Uruguay).
122—Vocalists.	123—Music Makers (Tommy Dorsey and Fred Warburg).
124—Movie Time.	125—Radio Headlines.
126—The Super-Golf Show.	127—Richard Lin Sing.
128—BBC News.	129—Favourites.
130—Listen to Leibert.	131—Harmonica Harmony.
132—The Super-Golf Show.	133—Rediffusion Request Show.
134—BBC News.	135—Local News.
136—Vincent Lopez.	137—Tree for All.
138—Boat Race and Webster.	139—Gilbert and Sullivan.
140—Kyla Greenbaum.	141—Start.
142—Midnight—Close Down.	

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: FRIDAY the 25th NOVEMBER, at NOON for the United Kingdom via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passengers' baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co's Godown at No. 2 GATE CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE by NOON on THURSDAY the 24th NOVEMBER.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co's Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

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P.M.

12.15—Religious Talk.	12.30—Hong Kong Calling—Programme Summary.
12.35—London Studio Melodies—A Programme of Continuous Music by the Macquerons, with John Cochrill Solo Harp. (BBC's).	1.00—Dinah Shore (Vocal) with NBC's Chamber Music Society of Lower East Side.
1.15—New Weather Report and Announcements.	1.25—Interlude.
1.30—"From the Shows."	1.40—Close Down.
1.45—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	1.50—"It's Swingtime"—(Super Rhythm Series).
1.55—"Cantata by Radio"—Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S.K. Lee (Studio).	2.00—Eva Wolf and His Orchestra.
2.05—World News and News Analysis. (Relay from London Recorded).	2.10—American Letter by Albert Cook. (Relay from London Recorded).
2.15—"Stars and Screen Favorites"—Presented by Aileen Woods. (Studio).	2.20—"From the Editorials". (London Relay).
2.25—"Don't Sit"—Bert Gillette at the Hammond Organ. (Relay from the Hammond Organ, Kowloon).	2.30—"The Blue Danube" (Eybode 29). The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries. A Music Cavalcade of 19th Century Vienna.
2.40—"Twenty Questions"—Intelligence Corps (Team). Question Master: Sgt. John Baker. (Studio).	2.45—London Studio Melodies—Gravido and His Orchestra with Eve Becks and Archie Lewis (Vocal) (BBC's).
2.50—Radio News Reel. (London Relay).	2.55—Weather Report.
3.00—"Grand Hotel"—Albert Sandier and The Palm Court Orchestra, with Tane Pennington (Tenor) (BBC's).	3.05—"Close to Eric Milmore and His Band".
3.10—Weather Report and World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay).	3.15—Close Down.

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LEAVES HONGKONG		
a.s. "CORFU"	21st November	28th December
a.s. "CANTON"	21st November	21st January
a.s. "CANTHAR"	21st January	28th February
a.s. "CORFU"	17th February	28th March
a.s. "CANTON"	17th March	17th April
a.s. "CANTHAR"	14th April	15th May
Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.		
FREIGHT SERVICE		
OUTWARDS	DUE HONGKONG	FROM
a.s. "SUDAN"	In port	London & Continent via Genoa & Strada.
a.s. "SUDAN"	22nd December	London & Continent via Genoa & Strada.
LEAVES HONGKONG FOR		
a.s. "SUDAN"	22nd December	Genoa, Marseilles, London, Hamburg, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
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"TJITADAK"	15th Dec.	13th Dec.

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SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG"	25th Dec.	8th Dec.
"TIKAMPEK"	25th Jan.	8th Dec.

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJITALENGKA"	3rd Dec.	29th Nov.
"VAN HEUTZ"	15th Dec.	10th Dec.

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SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"STRAAT SOENDA"	7th Dec.	24th Nov.
"TEGELBERG"	23rd Dec.	21st Dec.
"TIKAMPEK"	25th Jan.	8th Dec.

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SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MEERKUR"	6th Dec.	Early Dec.
"RIDERKUR"	End Dec.	Early Dec.

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Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

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SHIP	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MEERKUR"	22nd Nov.	5th Dec.
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New York, November 20.
Free of crippling strikes for the first time in two months, United States business and industry made a strong recovery this week.
Almost all important indicators of activity pointed higher, with the rebound most pronounced in steel mills and coal mines.

Retail trade recovered sharply in areas hard hit by the lack of purchasing power of strikers and registered a modest increase over the preceding week in other areas. Overall volume was still under that of a year ago, highest in history.

The stock market shook off a two-week decline and went into a sustained advance that more than regained all the ground lost during the repeated retreats in the closing stages of the labour troubles.

Investment-rated issues made a good showing in the bond department and the few new money issues that were brought out for investor appraisal received an approving nod.

One of the most significant events of the week occurred late on Thursday. A buying drive of size and force developed suddenly in the New York textile markets. It sent prices higher and carried forward bookings far into next year for some types of goods before it ended.

Economists saw in this development a vote of confidence in business trends in the first half of next year on the part of highly trained experts who keep close check on conditions in the so-called consumer industries.

Trend Over

President Harry Truman told a New England council meeting that he believed the country was over the worst part of the adjustment "that had to come after the inflationary boom we experienced last year," and Mr. Jack Slaus, President of the big Macy Department Store chain, told his stockholders that the nationwide downward trend in retail sales appears to be at an end.

The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Charles Sawyer, said at the conclusion of a 14,000-mile, five-month tour that he found no reason why business should not resume its upswing once the kinks caused by the strikes are straightened out.

While the coal industry faced an uncertain future because of the almost complete lack of specific action to bring about peace in that troubled industry, the 400,000 miners who were at work in the pits brought up an estimated 12,000,000 tons.

It was the first full week of work in the mines since the middle of June when contract troubles began to show up in smaller and smaller weekly tonnages which finally stopped altogether in the middle of September.

Steel mills hummed with activity as more and more furnaces were brought into production. The operating rate was officially estimated at 54 per cent of capacity but probably exceeded that figure, due to better than looked for progress in bringing some of the larger mills around to the firing up stage.

Carloading also picked up as coal drags and other heavy freight began to take on a normal pattern. Motor car production and crude oil output increased slightly. Engineering construction awards broke out of a six-week declining spell and bounded up to the highest point since early last August.

Electric power production was slow to pick up the faster momentum of all business but can be expected to reflect the end of the strikes in industry from now on.

One discordant note in the business picture was an increase in bankruptcies to the highest number since last April. This was believed to mirror the stress and strain of merchants and others doing business in areas temporarily blighted by industrial strife.

On the financial side, bank clearings were higher than last week but under a year ago. Demand deposits were smaller than in either period and money in circulation took a tiny dip under both the previous week and last year.

Business loans of banks increased for the 14th week in a row. This was taken as a good indication that merchants and other users of credit were going along at a steady pace without trouble.

London, November 21.
The Supply Minister announced today a 2 1/2 per cent reduction in the delivered price of soft pig lead. The new price, effective immediately, is £4101 a ton. Associated Press.

RUSSIA'S DEBT TO IRAN

Teheran, November 20.

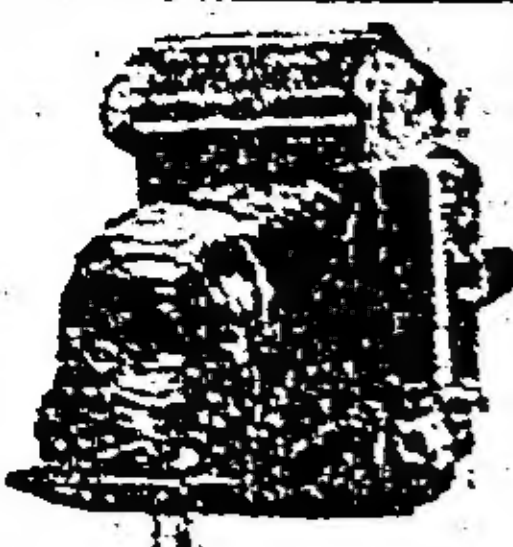
Referring to 12 tons of gold due to Iran by Russia, Ali Asghar Hekmat, the Foreign Minister, told a Press conference today that Russia told Iran the question must be handled through political channels. Hekmat added Iran has done the utmost to settle the question but with no results yet.

"Iran will take steps to safeguard her interest if we are obliged to lose hope in political channels," he said.

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Sports Pause



COLONY SPORTS GOSSIP

Cricketing Surprise: New Pool Regulations: Prospects Of HKHC

(By "KIMBERLEY")

Cricketers Injured By Lightning

Brisbane, November 20. Thirteen cricket players were injured or stunned by lightning today struck the ground near their pitch at Goodindale, Queensland—a New South Wales border town.

Golf At Fanling

There was a grand gathering for the annual Scotland versus England match played at Fanling on Sunday in perfect weather. Thirty singles matches were played in the morning after which Scotland was leading by the very close margin of a quarter of a point. However, the hardy Scots appeared to have withstood the strain of a very congenial luncheon interval better than their opponents with the results that Scotland eventually won the day by 34½ points to 30 points. Detailed results of the matches were as follows:

"SCOTLAND" "ENGLAND"

1. D.S. Robb v G.G.D. Carter	1	1. S.S. Gordon v R.E. Collins	1
2. F.D. Hunter v L. Goldman	1	2. G.A. Lister v R.E. Collins	1
3. N.A. Macdonald v W.G. Davies	1	3. R.C. Gairdner v M.S. Davies	1
4. I.W. Stewart v A.E. Williams	1	4. J.P. Stirling v W.S. Vaughan	1
5. C. Stewart v W.G. Davies	1	5. H.R. Cleland v N.J. Whetton	1
6. H.R. Cleland v N.J. Whetton	1	6. J.D. Macle v C.E. Saville	1
7. J.D. Macle v C.E. Saville	1	7. J.R. Macfarlane v J.R. Mitchell	1
8. J.R. Macfarlane v J.R. Mitchell	1	8. A.S. Adams v G.E. Marden	1
9. A.S. Adams v G.E. Marden	1	9. J.R. Deas v J. Lisker	1
10. J.R. Deas v J. Lisker	1	10. R.S. Barry v G.C. Evans	1
11. R.S. Barry v G.C. Evans	1	11. G.A. Lister v R.E. Collins	1
12. G.A. Lister v R.E. Collins	1	12. R.C. Gairdner v M.S. Davies	1
13. R.C. Gairdner v M.S. Davies	1	13. E.A. Brodie v R. Hill	1
14. E.A. Brodie v R. Hill	1	14. J.B. Kite v G.F. Ferguson	1
15. J.B. Kite v G.F. Ferguson	1	15. J.A.R. Selby v W. Stoker	1
16. J.A.R. Selby v W. Stoker	1	16. D. Black v A.L. Foster	1
17. D. Black v A.L. Foster	1	17. T.D. Drysdale v R.E. Bailey	1
18. T.D. Drysdale v R.E. Bailey	1	18. H.J. Cowie v P.F. Watkinson	1
19. H.J. Cowie v P.F. Watkinson	1	19. A.B. McBride v W.A. Nicholas	1
20. A.B. McBride v W.A. Nicholas	1	20. K.M. Keown v L. Jackson	1
21. K.M. Keown v L. Jackson	1	21. K.A. Miller v E.P. Stewart	1
22. K.A. Miller v E.P. Stewart	1	22. F.C.R. Wick v G. Strickland	1
23. F.C.R. Wick v G. Strickland	1	23. W.H. Paterson v D. Hazell	1
24. W.H. Paterson v D. Hazell	1	24. W.E. Greive v W.N.A. Stables	1
25. W.E. Greive v W.N.A. Stables	1	25. J.L. Macintyre v G.W. Smith	1
26. J.L. Macintyre v G.W. Smith	1	26. J.L. Probert v E.P. Stewart	1
27. J.L. Probert v E.P. Stewart	1	27. H.C. Watson v G.G. Allen	1
28. H.C. Watson v G.G. Allen	1		

FOURSUMES

1. Robb & Brodie v Carter & Hill	1	1. Gordon & Kite v Collins & Ferguson	1
2. Hunter & Selby v Goldman & Stoker	1	2. Brown & D. Black v Davies & Potter	1
3. Stirling & Drysdale v Lisker & Bailey	1	3. Stirling & Cowie v Vaughan & Watkinson	1
4. Stewart & McBride v Davidson & Nicholas	1	4. Cleland & Keown v Whetton & Jackson	1
5. Macle & Miller v Saville & Webb	1	5. Macfarlane & P.C.R. Black v Mitchell & Strickland	1
6. Adams & Paterson v Marden & Hazell	1	6. Deas & Greive v Lisker & Stables	1
7. Barry & Macintyre v Evans & Stables	1	7. Lister & Gairdner v Collins & Davies	1
8. Brodie & Hill v Stoker & Stirling	1	8. Gairdner & Watson v Douglas & Allen	1
9. Foursumes Total	14		
10. Singles Total	16		
11. Grand Total	30		

CAPTAIN'S CUP

The last qualifying competition for the Captain's Cup will be held during the week-end December 3-4. The best two scores on each course will qualify.

LADIES' SECTION

The Scotland versus England match played on the New Course at Fanling on Sunday, resulted in a win for England with 24½ points against 14½ for Scotland. The matches were as follows:

"SCOTLAND" "ENGLAND"

1. Mrs. Stirling v Mrs. Percy	1	1. Mrs. Hunter v Mrs. Small	1
2. Mrs. Adams v Mrs. Strickland	1	2. Mrs. Macle v Mrs. Saville	1
3. Mrs. Selby v Mrs. Armstrong	1	3. Mrs. Trophie v Mrs. Watkinson	1
4. Mrs. McBride v Mrs. Webb	1	4. Mrs. N.A. Brody v Mrs. Ferguson	1
5. Mrs. Stoker v Mrs. Stables	1	5. Mrs. Pen v Mrs. Markham	1
6. Mrs. Hill v Mrs. Pote-Hunt	1	6. Mrs. Robb v Mrs. Stewart	1
7. Mrs. Robertson v Mrs. Collins	1		
8. Total	24		

Ladies are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, November 25, at the Helena May at 6 p.m.

Something the Hong Kong University will never forget is their last first division cricket game with Club de Recreo.

Victory seemed so easily theirs when Recreo were out for a meagre 52 runs. The "U" did even worse: they went in full of confidence and came out full of disgust—they could only score 21 runs and were all out in 42 minutes.

A. M. Prata, Recreo's captain, was equally as surprised at his team's victory as the undergrads were at their defeat. Prata began the afternoon in a worried frame of mind. His opening bat, L. G. Gosano, could not play; and neither could brother Bertie Gosano. No substitutes could be found.

To make things worse, Recreo's wickets were falling with the regularity of autumn leaves and each of them cheaply. Half way through this ordeal, Prata saw Wilfred Lawrence and Bill Ivanovich. The boys sportingly agreed to make up the XI.

Now Wilfred has done some 20 years of successful swimming but, as he admitted, he had never until that afternoon held a cricket bat. Bill, well, he plays cricket also, he says. The two held their wicket for one over, knocking up six runs (Bill made five before being bowled). He wants "recreio" Recreo's total, 52 all out. Prata joined the crowd to give the tail-enders a hand. They tried anyway, even if the total couldn't stretch further than 52.

When it came to HKU's turn to bat, the innings was even more comical than Recreo's. It was a sad day for the HKU.

As the undergrad put it: "We not only lost our chance of being heroes but made utter something of ourselves."

Arriving by the Corfu yesterday with two tickets, he will add more interest to the League. They are H. Owen-Hughes of the Hong Kong Cricket Club and "Mickey" d'Almeida Remedios of Club de Recreo. The two teams will be considerably strengthened.

The new regulations for swimming pools have sent many clubs into a hubbub. According to the text of the regulations published in the papers on Sunday, it looks as if all the swimming pools in the Colony will have to spend some money.

The VRC, speaking off-hand, for instance, will have to meet with the clause which states the requirement for life coverings and walls, gutter, drain etc. A. de O. Sales, hard-working secretary of the VRC, said that the club will probably be greatly effected but declined to elaborate further until his committee is consulted.

The European YNCA, when contacted, expressed confidence that their pool will be able to meet "almost 100 per cent" of the new regulations. The release mentioned that pools owned by the Services will not be effected. What about privately owned baths?

What Will He Do Next?



Three Sheffield United defenders (right striped jerseys) watch Eddie Bailey (left) Tottenham inside left, as he beats Herbert Parkin (3) Sheffield left back. A split second later he stamined the ball into the net to score one of Tottenham's 7 goals. Final score was Tottenham 7, Sheffield 0. On the ground is Len Duquemin, Tottenham centre forward. (AP Photo).

Randolph Turpin Brightest Prospect In British Boxing

London, November 20.

Randolph Turpin, the coloured middleweight from Leamington, looks like being the busiest and brightest prospect in British boxing next year, if he can beat Dave Sands, the triple Australian and Empire middleweight champion.

After Turpin's impressive four-round victory over rugged Pete Mead the hillbilly boxer from Arkansas, at Harringay Arena recently, Mr. Jack Solomons, the promoter, has temporarily dropped his plan to match Turpin with the American, Rocky Graziano.

"Graziano, although a former world champion, is not listed as the No. 1 contender for Jake LaMotta's title," Mr. Solomons says.

Mr. Solomons stated: "I have thought the matter out and in view of Sands' performance against Mead and the Frenchman Robert Villmain, he must be considered the outstanding contender for LaMotta's title."

"Now Turpin has come into the picture very much and will also have to be considered."

Mr. Solomons hopes to secure official recognition for a proposed contest between Sands and Turpin for the Empire title and as a eliminator for the world crown when the Australian returns to Britain early next year.

In addition, the promoter wants LaMotta to defend his world championship against the winner in London.

Turpin's victory over Mead has brought him offers from overseas too. It is understood that Belgium would like him to meet Cyrille Delannoy, their former European champion, in December.

Another proposal comes from Canada, where it is suggested that Turpin fight Laurent Dauthuille, the French middleweight, in the new year. Dauthuille has impressed with victories over LaMotta, Canada's Johnny Greco and other topstars on the other side of the Atlantic.

The British Boxing Board will have to decide whether or not to proceed with eliminators for the British title, held by Randolph's brother, Dick Turpin.

Ready To Fight

Previously, both Turpins stated that they would never fight each other except in the gymnasium, but it is understood that they are prepared to "do the business" come first and fight if nominated by the Board. Randolph, it is expected, would be the first choice as contender for the title.

Czech Wants To Represent Australia

Melbourne, November 20.

Jaroslav Drobný, the refugee Czechoslovak tennis player, said on his arrival here from London today that he hopes to represent Australia in the Davis Cup competition some day—if he can become an Australian citizen.

Drobný, while playing in a Swiss international championship, was recalled to Czechoslovakia but refused to return.

He said today that he hopes to get a job in Australia and settle permanently. He will never return to Czechoslovakia. Drobný was invited to Australia by the Australian Lawn Tennis Association and he will play in the New South Wales Lawn Tennis Championship in Sydney this week.

Reuter.

HUNGARY HUMBLE SWEDEN

Budapest, November 20.

Hungary scored a sweeping 5-0 victory over Sweden in their soccer match at Budapest today before 50,000 spectators.

Leading 2-0 at the beginning of the second half, the Hungarians continued flailing their technical superiority to score two more quick goals in the second and 11th minutes of the second half.

The last goal of the game was scored by the Hungarian centre forward, Ferenc Deak, in the 25th minute.

This was the 16th soccer match between the two countries. The first was played in Göteborg in 1912 and the 15th in Stockholm last June. That game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Hungary has won nine of these games, lost three and tied four.

"The soccer in our Hungarian People's Democracy is the best in Europe today," boasted the Hungarian radio in commenting on today's game.—Associated Press.

U.S. FOOTBALL

New York, November 20.

College football results: San Francisco University 39, Marquette 20. Professional football result: All America Conference: Cleveland 31, New York Yankees 0. Los Angeles 20, Baltimore 10. Chicago Hornets 0. National Conference: Chicago Bears 31, Washington 21. Detroit 45, New York Giants 21. Los Angeles Rams 28, Chicago Cardinals 28 (tie). Philadelphia 42, New York Bulldogs 0. Pittsburgh 30, Green Bay 87.—Associated Press.

WORLD CUP FOOTBALL

Ankara, November 20.

Turkey beat Syria by seven goals to nil here today in a world cup match. Turkey now qualify to meet Australia in the next round.

Only one match was arranged between Turkey and Syria, instead of the home and away matches in the other group of the cup.—Reuter.

INCIDENT IN BOYS' SOCCER

(By "ROVER")

The incident at Happy Valley on Sunday, when the Ellis Kadourie Senior Soccer XI walked off the field 10 minutes before the end of their game against St. Joseph's College in the Senior Division of the School League, calls for an immediate investigation and drastic action against the offenders.

Assuming that the schoolboys did have a reasonable ground for complaint against the decisions of the referee, which in fact they did not have, it was still their duty to complete the fixture and to lodge their complaint in the prescribed manner with the appropriate authority.

It would also be interesting to know why the Sports Master of Ellis Kadourie was not present to exercise proper control over his team and its supporters, all of whom were schoolboys.

If it were not for the fact that the Rev. Brother Cronan, Sports Master of St. Joseph's College, was present and took appropriate action, a free-for-all might have occurred when the schoolboy supporters of Ellis Kadourie rushed the field.

The punishment in the present case should be given the fullest publicity in the English and Chinese Press as a deterrent to other schoolboys and to obviate the possibility of any recurrence of a similar incident in the future.

While on the subject of school football, it might perhaps be in order to point out that one of the most outstanding features about the School League is the complete lack of interest shown by the Hong Kong Football Association regarding the games which take place.

Although eight to 10 matches are played in the School League every Sunday morning, one has yet to see any high-ranking official or member of the HKFA Council appear from Mr. C. Guingam, the G.O.M. of soccer in this Colony, attend these matches.

As has been admitted by officials of the HKFA, the schoolboy soccer players of today are the Colony's footballers of tomorrow.

Standard At Low Ebb

In view of the fact that the standard of soccer in this Colony today is at its lowest ebb, it is imperative that every action should be taken by the HKFA, as the body governing amateur soccer in this Colony, to pay a little more attention to school football apart from just allotting grounds.

On the question of grounds also, it might be said that the manner in which the allotment is made leaves much to be desired. For example, although matches are fixed for the Boudary Street ground every Sunday, it is never possible to play games on this ground at the times appointed for the simple reason that it is being used for hockey over the same period.

In some cases, when the teams turn up at the ground appointed, they find Service teams playing and are told to go away.

One of the objects of the HKFA is to promote the game of association football in every way and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable for the improvement of the rules and laws of the game and for protecting the game from abuse.

Surely, therefore, the promotion of school football is a matter of paramount importance, or is one to assume that the HKFA is not interested in exerting itself to improve the standard of school football because there is no "gate money."

The indifference which is being shown by referees in connection with school football games is also to be deplored and it would seem that the majority of our referees are only interested in handling games for which they are paid.

The only referees who display any lasting interest in school football are Messrs. P. Manson and S. Y. Kwok, who never fail to turn up on Sunday mornings and render whatever assistance is possible.

Manson Indefatigable

Mr. Manson, in particular, is indefatigable in his efforts and invariably handles two games every Sunday morning, well knowing that he will again have to handle games in the Hong Kong League in the afternoon.

The vim and pep shown by the schoolboys who play a very fast game, do not tend to make the job of the referee any too easy and one must be very fit to keep pace with the game and be fresh for further games in the afternoon.

Dr. J.A.R. Selby is also another hard worker who has done much to help out in connection with the shortage of referees, although sugar is more in his line. He is usually seen watching schoolboy matches and never refuses a request to handle a game. Furthermore, he never passes up an opportunity of giving the youngsters a little fatherly advice when necessary.

The shortage of referees for school football games has also necessitated Mr. R. M. Omar, Secretary of the HKFA, voluntarily coming forward to handle two games every Sunday morning.

This means that Mr. Omar, who has other work to perform in connection with Hong Kong League games in the afternoon, is denied the right of a short rest on Sunday mornings after a week of tiresome work in the office.

A word of praise is due to the Rev. Brother Cronan, Sports Master of St. Joseph's College and the Rev. Fr. Maguire, Sports Master of Wah Yan College, for the unfailing interest which they display in the game and for the excellent manner in which they control their boys.

The Sports Masters of certain other schools would do well to emulate the example set by the Rev. Brother Cronan and the Rev. Fr. Maguire.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL SCANDAL

London, November 21.

One of the leading Association Football League clubs has been fined £500, one of its directors has been banned indefinitely from all football and football management and a former secretary has been suspended permanently from football activities.

These penalties were announced today by a Football Association inquiry commission, which has been investigating allegations of failure to pay income tax on the whole of the players' wages, that figures in the club's books had been "manipulated" and some players' signatures had been forged.

The allegations arose out of a report made by the Football League auditors. They related, in some cases, to payments made in respect of Derby County's tour of Czechoslovakia in 1948.

The banned director is Mr. B. Robshaw, Chairman of the Club and the only director concerned who now remains in office. The former secretary is Mr. J. S. Catterall.

The Football League auditors alleged that by failing to apply the income tax system to the whole of the players' wages, the club's directors had secured shares of benefits and to payments in relation to the club's tour of Czechoslovakia.

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The commission said that Mr. Catterall had been summarily dismissed when the directors became aware of the facts. The Commission found that the Board of the club had entirely failed in its responsibility to supervise the club's financial undertakings during Derby County's employment in England, is one of the oldest clubs in England.—Reuter.

ICE HOCKEY

Stockholm, November 20.

The Canadian touring ice hockey team, Hall Volants, beat Stockholm A.I.K. by two goals to nil here in their first match in Sweden. The period scores were 1-0, 1-0.—Reuter.

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